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Business surges for HVAC companies

Indoor air quality products in high demand during pandemic

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Heating, ventilation and air conditioning companies are always busy this time of year as temperatures drop.

However, several Southwest Michigan HVAC businesses have noticed a substantial interest for air quality systems – for both commercial and residential clients.

Tim Wells, owner of Hometown Heating & Cooling in Benton Township, said there's been a demand for higher quality air filtration systems, which he partially attributes to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The only problem is demand is outstripping supply.

"I have some customers who are waiting two months for equipment," Wells said. "The first cold snap of the season and the first hot snap tend to be the busiest."

About a month ago, Wells said activity started to pick up despite a slow start to autumn.

"We went from standing around looking at the walls to working 60 hours a week and not being able to catch up," he said.

What has been unique about this year's busy season are the requests for efficient air filtration, Wells said.

It's been anywhere from long-time customers inquiring about an upgrade, to new people calling about electronic air filters, oxygen generators and UV lights. His clientele this year has been about 60 percent residential and 40 percent commercial.

"We went from selling two or three high-end air filtration systems, to people calling five times a week for them," Wells said. "We've ordered, but there's a huge back order. The suppliers have heard that manufacturers are working as fast as they can. We also have to deal with customs and bringing the products into the country, which has produced a challenge."

Dan Crist, co-owner of Centsible Heating & Air Conditioning in Coloma Township, anticipates being busy through January.

With his industry, Crist said typically they are busy about six months of the year – November to January for heating purposes, and June through August for cooling.

"It started out slow, but it's really ramped up the last few weeks," Crist said. "Because of COVID, we've limited ourselves to emergency heat calls and estimates for furnaces. We don't want to be in people's houses if we don't need to be."

Wells said he's also felt the tension this year on entering someone else's home.

"A lot of people are nervous and we're nervous too," Wells said. "Anxiety still sets in on a customer's part. I've been in business for over 25 years and it's never been like this before."

For Crist and his staff, their clientele has been roughly 75 percent residential business.

The company has also been flooded with inquiries about indoor air quality systems, in response to the pandemic.

Among the products that have been requested are electronic air cleaners, UV lights and ion machines.

"There's been an influx of new customers coming in," Crist said. "Some of the commercial accounts we've had have requested pricing on upgrades as well. I think you're going to see a lot more hospitals and dentists offices that will start looking into that."

Crist said the need hasn't just come from the pandemic, but stems from ongoing changes in housing structures.

Since homes are now built to be "tighter" in the effort to achieve the Energy Star rating, they aren't able to attain the same amount of air exchange as older houses. Crist said this ongoing trend, along with concerns over the coronavirus, has contributed to the active interest in high-quality air filtration systems.

"Our industry isn't sexy. They call us when something breaks," Crist said. "The majority of people don't plan ahead. ... We stay open 24/7 because there is a short window for work."

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NO LUMINARY CANDLES

Don Campbell / HP staff

Two women walk through downtown St. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon. Due to the pandemic, new winter lights and holiday music will replace the annual placement of luminary candles, which was to take place Friday night in the downtown area.

Santa's little helper delivers

Retired South Haven mail carrier still makes sure Santa's letters are answered

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — For the past 35 years Nila Dubas worked at the South Haven Post Office as a mail carrier.

She retired last October, but vows to continue one task that she performed at the post office for two decades – answering children's letters to Santa.

About 10 years or so into her job at the post office, she said she noticed an employee answering the letters.

"I said, 'I'd like to help' and she handed me the stack."

Dubas has been responding to the letters ever since.

At first, she only dealt with a handful or so of letters to Santa, but over the years, the number has grown significantly.

"Last year I had 400 letters," she said. The letters were sent either to the post office or came from local elementary school teachers who collected them from their students.

Clementine's restaurant has even gotten involved by setting up a box for people to drop off their children's and grandchildren's letters.

The popularity of the letter program has come at a cost to Dubas.

"The postage alone is over $300 a year," she said. Dubas also spends her own money making sure each letter contains decorative holiday stickers and other little trinkets for children to enjoy.

"I probably spend about $1,000," she estimated. "As soon as Christmas is over, I take advantage of the 50 percent off sales."

Some may wonder why Dubas spends her own

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Retired mail carrier Nila Dubas is shown in her kitchen gearing up to respond to letters to Santa from South Haven-area youngsters. She said the first letter arrived earlier this week.

Empty desks in schools: Coronavirus robs U.S. classrooms of teachers

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
Associated Press

MISSION, Kan. — In July, fourth-grade teacher Susanne Michael was ecstatic as she celebrated the adoption of a former student from a troubled home and two of the girl's brothers. For the festivities, Michael dressed them and her other children in matching T-shirts that read "Gotcha FOREVER."

By October, the 47-year-old Jonesboro, Arkansas, woman was dead – one of an estimated nearly 300 school employees killed by the coronavirus in the U.S. since the outbreak took hold. All together, the U.S. had more than 250,000 confirmed virus deaths as of Wednesday.

"She just basically would eat, sleep and drink teaching. She loved it," said her husband, Keith Michael, who is now left to raise the three new additions, ages 3, 8 and 13, along with the couple's two other children, 16 and 22.

Across the U.S., the deaths of educators have torn at the fabric of the school experience, taking the lives of teachers, principals, superintendents, coaches, a middle school secretary, a security guard. The losses have forced school boards to make hard decisions of whether to keep classrooms open and have left students and staff members grief-stricken.

Harrisburg Elementary, where Michael taught, remained open after her death, but 14 counselors descended on the school the next morning to help distraught students and teachers.

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Hunting licenses soar as virus-weary Americans head outdoors

By JOHN FLESHER and ANNA LIZ NICHOLS
Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY — Hunting was a big part of Zane Goucher's youth, when he pursued whitetail deer and ruffed grouse in the Maine woods with his father. He eventually drifted away from the sport but has returned after a 22-year absence, inspired by the coronavirus outbreak.

Many Americans appear to be doing likewise, as sales of hunting and fishing licenses are spiking in much of the U.S. Weary of being cooped up at home – and of masking and social distancing when they go elsewhere – they're taking refuge in outdoor sports that offer safety and solitude.

The trend has abruptly reversed a steady decline in hunting's popularity that once appeared permanent and provided a potential new source of food for families and food banks pressed by the pandemic.

"I'd been meaning to get back into it and just never did," said Goucher, now a resident of Grand Ledge, Michigan, who headed into the field Sunday with 12-year-old daughter Annabelle as the state's firearm deer hunting season opened. Lifestyle changes forced by the pandemic, especially online schooling for his four children, "gave me that boost to make it happen."

"They were getting a lot more screen time than normal, so this was a way to get them outside," he said.

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Trump targets vote certification in late bid to block Biden

By ZEKE MILLER, CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY and COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Getting nowhere in the courts, President Donald Trump's scattershot effort to overturn President-elect Joe Biden's victory is shifting toward obscure election boards that certify the vote as Trump and his allies seek to upend the electoral process, sow chaos and perpetuate unsubstantiated doubts about the count.

The battle is centered in the battleground states that sealed Biden's win.

In Michigan, two Republican election officials in the state's largest county initially refused to certify results despite no evidence of fraud. In Arizona, officials are balking at signing off on vote tallies in a rural county.

The moves don't reflect a coordinated effort across the battleground states that broke for Biden, local election officials said. Instead, they seem to be inspired by Trump's incendiary rhetoric about baseless fraud and driven by Republican acquiescence to broadsides against the nation's electoral system as state and federal courts push aside legal challenges filed by Trump and his allies.

Still, what happened in Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday was a jarring reminder of the disruptions that can still be caused as the nation works through the process of affirming the outcome of the Nov. 3 election.

There is no precedent for the Trump team's widespread effort to delay or undermine certification, according to University of Kentucky law professor Joshua Douglas.

"It would be the end of democracy as we know it," Douglas said. "This is just not a thing that can happen."

Certifying results is a routine yet important step after local election officials have tallied votes, reviewed procedures, checked to ensure votes were counted correctly and investigated discrepancies. Typically, this certification is done by a local board of elections and then, later, the results are certified at the state level.

But as Trump has refused to concede to Biden and continues to spread false claims of victory, this mundane process is taking on new significance.

Among key battleground states, counties in Michigan, Nevada and Wisconsin have all made it through the initial step of certifying results. Except for Wayne County, this process has largely been smooth. Arizona, Pennsylvania and Georgia still haven't concluded their local certifications.

Then all eyes turn to statewide certification.

In Wayne County, the two Republican canvassers at first balked at certifying the vote and then reversed course after widespread condemnation – but not before Trump praised their actions.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
08-10-16-35-36-40
Midday Daily 3
8-6-4
Midday Daily 4
4-2-6-2
Daily 3
5-0-2
Daily 4
5-6-4-0
Fantasy 5
02-04-10-20-31
Keno
04-09-13-15-16-17-18-22-27-28-30-36-38-42-45-57-61-62-68-69-74-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$188 million
Powerball jackpot
$179 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
08-13-35-46-68, Mega Ball: 16, Megaplier: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
02-06-07-32-41
Cash4Life
15-31-43-45-54, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
01-04-12-17-19-20-21-27-29-32-33-34-38-40-46-50-53-61-65-72, BE: 21
Daily Three-Midday
7-8-8, SB: 0
Daily Three-Evening
6-5-3, SB: 1
Daily Four-Midday
3-1-6-0, SB: 0
Daily Four-Evening
7-3-5-1, SB: 1
Quick Draw Evening
06-07-08-09-17-22-27-29-34-37-41-42-43-46-49-53-54-62-68-70, BE: 8
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
08-37-40-41-45
Pick Three-Midday
9-7-1, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
6-4-4, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
5-9-2-9, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Evening
1-1-1-8, Fireball: 5
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Biden approaches 80 million votes in historic victory

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI
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President-elect Joe Biden, accompanied by Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, speaks about economic recovery at The Queen theater in Wilmington, Del., on Monday.

President-elect Joe Biden's winning tally is approaching a record 80 million votes as Democratic bastions continue to count ballots and the 2020 election cracks turnout records.

Biden has already set a record for the highest number of votes for a winning presidential candidate, and President Donald Trump has also notched a high-water mark of the most votes for a losing candidate. With more than 155 million votes counted and California and New York still counting, turnout stands at 65 percent of all eligible voters, the highest since 1908, according to data from The Associated Press and the U.S. Elections Project.

The rising Biden tally and his popular vote lead – nearly 6 million votes – come as Trump has escalated his false insistence that he actually won the election, and his campaign and supporters intensify their uphill legal fight to stop or delay results from being certified, potentially nullify the votes of Americans.

"It's just a lot of noise going on, because Donald Trump is a bull who carries his own china shop with him," said Douglas Brinkley, a presidential historian at Rice University. "Once the noise recedes, it's going to be clear that Biden won a very convincing victory."

Biden currently has an Electoral College lead of 290-232. But that does not include electors from Georgia, where Biden leads Trump by 0.3 percentage points as officials conduct a hand tally. The AP has not called the race, but if Biden's lead holds he will win the Electoral College on 306-232 vote – the identical margin Trump won in 2016. Back then Trump described it as a "landslide."

Trump sealed that victory with 77,000 votes across three battleground states, while Biden's margin would be slightly narrower – about 45,000 votes across Arizona, Georgia and Wisconsin.

That slimmer win, however, is still decisive by election law standards, notes Rick Hasen, a professor at the University of Irvine and an expert on voting.

While Biden's margins in states like Arizona and Wisconsin seem small – between 12,000 and 20,000 votes – those races aren't nearly narrow enough to be considered likely to flip through a recount or lawsuits. Recounts typically shift total votes by only a few hundred votes. In 2000, the Florida recount and legal battle for the White House was prompted by a 537-vote margin.

"If you're talking about it being close enough to be within what those of us in the field call the margin of litigation, this is not within the margin of litigation," Hasen said.

Timothy Naftali, a presidential historian at New York University, has compared Biden's still-growing popular vote and Electoral College margins to those of every winner of a presidential election since 1960. His finding: Biden's win was right in the middle – tighter than landslides like Barack Obama's 2008 win or Ronald Reagan's 1984 wipeout reelection, but broader than Trump's 2016 victory or either of George W. Bush's two wins.

The closest analogy was Obama's reelection, which he won by virtually the same margin as Biden has now.

"Did anyone think 2012 was a narrow victory? No," Naftali said.

Despite that, Trump and his allies are continuing to try to stop certification of the election, in a longshot attempt to deny states the ability to seat electors supporting Biden. These efforts are very unlikely to succeed, but they reached a new pitch this week when two Republican members of the board of canvassers in Michigan's largest county Tuesday night managed to block certification of the votes there. They allowed certification to proceed after an outcry, but it was a sign of how deeply Trump's baseless claims of mass fraud have permeated.

In fact, argued Michael McDonald, a University of Florida professor who tracks vote counts for the U.S. Elections Project, the relatively narrow Biden wins in battleground states tell a different story than the one the president is pushing.

Democrats have worried that the gap between the popular vote and the Electoral College tallies is growing as Democratic voters cluster on the coasts and outside of battleground states. That dynamic could make it difficult for Democrats to win congressional races, creating a lasting disadvantage when it comes to advancing policies.

"If there's anything in the data here, it reveals how the system is stacked against the Democrats, not stacked against Trump," McDonald said.

GOP increasingly accepts Trump's defeat – but not in public

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Kamala Harris returned to the Senate this week for the first time as vice president-elect, her Republican colleagues offered their congratulations and Sen. Lindsey Graham greeted her with a fist bump.

It was a sign that many Republicans have privately acknowledged what they refuse to say openly: Democrat Joe Biden and Harris won the election and will take office in January.

The GOP's public silence on the reality of Biden's victory amounts to tacit approval of Trump's baseless claims of election fraud. That has significant repercussions, delaying the transition during a deadly pandemic, sowing public doubt and endangering Biden's ability to lead the portion of the country that may question his legitimacy.

"The real-world consequences are perilous," said Eddie Glaude, chair of the Department of African American studies at Princeton University. "The long-term implications are calcifying the doubt about the election and what that means for the body politic. It could lead to half the country not just being deeply suspicious of the democratic process but also actively hostile toward it. It becomes difficult to imagine how we move forward."

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Lakeland moves to stricter testing criteria

No-symptom testing for COVID-19 still available elsewhere

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Those seeking a COVID-19 test at any Spectrum Health Lakeland facility will now have to meet new symptom criteria.

Testing is now reserved for patients with one major symptom (fever, cough, shortness of breath) or two minor symptoms (loss of taste/smell, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea).

The change is due to "increasing demand for COVID-19 testing and a nationwide shortage of supplies," according to a news release issued Wednesday.

"The modifications ensure that those who are most in need can quickly and easily get tested," hospital officials wrote in the release.

Other area testing sites will still test those without symptoms. Visit www.bchdmi.org or www.michigan.gov/coronavirus to find a testing site.

At Lakeland, before a COVID-19 diagnostic test can be performed, patients must complete a screening and obtain a doctor's order from their primary care provider. If patients do not have a primary care provider, they can call the free hotline at 1-833-559-0659.

Once the order is acquired, a test may be scheduled by calling 927-5100. No walk-in or drive-up testing is available without an appointment.

"Spectrum Health Lakeland regularly assesses the testing criteria for our patients to ensure we reserve enough tests for symptomatic patients," Joe Brown, laboratory director for Spectrum Health Lakeland, said in the release. "As the demand for COVID-19 tests decreases, we will be able to widen the opportunities for people to get a COVID-19 test."

For more information, visit spectrumhealthlakeland.org/covid19.

Updated numbers

Spectrum Health Lakeland had 59 COVID-positive patients who had been admitted, as of Wednesday morning. That's up from 56 on Tuesday and 47 last Wednesday.

Berrien County recorded an additional 123 COVID-19 cases Wednesday.

In the last seven days, the county has been averaging about 149 new cases a day.

The county also recorded 11 presumed COVID cases on Wednesday. No new deaths were reported.

In addition, 55 new recoveries were reported. This brings the number of active cases in the county to about 2,484.

Cass County recorded 20 new COVID-19 cases Wednesday, while Van Buren County recorded 50. No new deaths were recorded in either county.

Bronson limits visitors

Starting today, Bronson Healthcare will not allow visitors at its hospitals, such as the facility in South Haven, except under certain circumstances.

The updated visitor policy is due to the rise of COVID-19 cases and can be found at bronsonhealth.com.

"Implementing these changes helps ensure we are doing everything we can to protect our staff, patients and the community. We know this is difficult for patients and families, but it is necessary at this time. We will continue to actively monitor the situation with a goal of reinstating expanded visitation as soon as it is safe to do so," hospital officials wrote in a news release.

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HAND IN HAND

Don Campbell / HP staff

A couple enjoys a walk along Lake Michigan at Silver Beach in St. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon as winter approaches.

Pullman man dies following dispute with police

Officials initially responded to domestic disturbance call

By HP STAFF

PULLMAN — Police are investigating the death of a 40-year-old man from the Pullman area who died when officers attempted to take him into custody following a domestic disturbance complaint.

A news release issued Wednesday afternoon by the Michigan State Police Fifth District headquarters indicated that a deputy with the Allegan County Sheriff's office and a trooper from the Michigan State Police Wayland post were dispatched to an address on North Avenue in Pullman, at 7:10 a.m., Wednesday morning for a report of a domestic disturbance. After contacting the male suspect, later identified as Nathan Strample, officers attempted to take him into custody but were met with "considerable resistance," according to the release.

During the struggle to arrest him, officers observed that he was no longer breathing and life-saving measures were attempted. However, despite the life-saving measures by involved officers and Life Care emergency services, Strample was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Michigan State Police Special Investigations Sections from both the Sixth and Fifth districts, along with the MSP Laboratory and Reconstruction Unit, are investigating the circumstances of Strample's death.

"This is an ongoing investigation in which our detectives are working tirelessly to determine exactly what happened," said Sgt./Lt. Duwayne Robinson, public information officer for the Michigan State Police Fifth District Headquarters. Robinson said he is hopeful information about the incident will be released within a day.

Trump influence seen in deadlock of Michigan election board

By COREY WILLIAMS and JOHN FLESHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — President Donald Trump offered up his first tweet praising two Michigan Republicans for blocking certification of election results only after the pair did an abrupt about-face in favor of Democrat Joe Biden.

But everyone watching the meeting of a Detroit-area election board suspected that the president's efforts to cast doubt on the election played an outsized role in the vote, which briefly threatened to delay the official declaration of Biden's victory in the state.

Republicans Monica Palmer and William Hartmann initially voted against certification Tuesday, leaving the Wayne County Board of Canvassers deadlocked at 2-2 along party lines. Palmer complained that certain Detroit precincts were out of balance, meaning that absentee ballot books sometimes did not match the number of ballots cast. The GOP move drew an immediate rebuke from the public and injected partisan politics into the business of a little-noticed local board that is supposed to confirm the will of the voters.

During the meeting's public comment period, the Detroit NAACP president, the Rev. Wendell Anthony, called Palmer and Hartmann "a disgrace." The criticism went on for hours.

"This is the deadly political virus attacking our election process," Anthony said Wednesday. "It should not take such actions on the part of the people to get our public officials to adhere to the express will and intent of the people."

Biden crushed Trump in Wayne County, a Democratic stronghold, by a more than 2-1 margin on his way to winning Michigan by 146,000 votes, according to unofficial results. His victory reversed Trump's 2016 gains in the industrial Midwest and put Biden on the path to achieving the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the White House.

The county canvassers later voted again and certified the results 4-0.

There has been no evidence of widespread voting fraud in Michigan or any other state. Federal and state officials from both parties have declared the 2020 election safe and secure. But Trump and his allies have spent two weeks raising false claims of fraud and refusing to concede to Biden. That has put pressure on GOP election officials.

Norman Shinkle, one of the two Republican members of the Michigan Board of State Canvassers, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he had not been contacted by anyone with the Trump campaign. But he said he was bombarded with phone calls and emails from random Trump supporters urging him not to approve the election results.

"They know I'm a Republican and they say, 'Don't certify,'" he said.

Berrien County ALPACT elects new co-chairs

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

St. Joseph Director of Public Safety Steve Neubecker and Margaret Clayborn with Spectrum Health Lakeland were named Tuesday as the new co-chairs of Berrien County ALPACT.

They will take the place of Charmae Sanders from Lake Michigan College and Capt. Randy Miller from the Berrien County Sheriff's Office.

ALPACT is an organization created to bring community leaders and law enforcement together to increase communication and understanding to build trust with each other and residents.

Clayborn said her family moved to Benton Harbor when she was in third grade, and she's a 1974 Benton Harbor High School graduate.

"My passion is to help people who need help," she said. "My passion is to help under-privileged, under-served, under-insured people in our community as to try to get them a better start in life and get on the right track."

Neubecker said he's lived in St. Joseph since 1994, starting as a dispatcher with the city.

"I love this community. I raised my family in this community," he said.

He said it's very important for law enforcement to be transparent with residents.

Neubecker said he's been attending ALPACT (Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust) meetings since 2017.

They will start in their new roles in 2021.

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LMC, SMC tighten safety restrictions

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Lake Michigan College and Southwestern Michigan College began the week by increasing safety precautions in response to new state directives to slow the spread of COVID-19.

At LMC, non-essential employees were instructed to work remotely and additional in-person classes were moved to remote learning on Wednesday.

"We've been preparing for this possibility for many months," LMC President Trevor Kubatzke said in a news release. "Most of our classes this semester are already remote. Professors who teach on-campus designed their courses knowing this could happen. We've ordered extra laptops for students who need them. We're ready to keep students on track safely and successfully."

Some of LMC's classes will remain in-person, which will follow strict safety protocols. Among these classes are those that train law enforcement, correctional, medical or first-responder personnel.

All services for students, including financial aid and advising, are available remotely.

Registration for the spring semester is now open and LMC classes starting in January will be offered in online, remote and in-person formats.

The campuses, including the Mendel Center, will be closed to the general public through Dec. 8, or until the state order is lifted.

Keeping it under control

SMC announced plans to shift nearly all learning to a remote format starting Wednesday.

The Dowagiac-based institution originally planned to transition to a remote format on Friday. However, the state's restrictions announced Sunday night moved those plans up by two days.

The remote format will remain in effect for SMC classes through the end of the semester, which is Dec. 18.

President Joe Odenwald said there have been nearly 50 confirmed coronavirus cases in the SMC community since fall semester began in early September.

As of Sunday, Odenwald said four students were being isolated off-campus and another four students were isolated on campus.

"We've been fortunate to catch campus cases early, and to keep it under control," Odenwald said in an update posted to SMC's website. "There's not a single incident we've had in the last 10-plus weeks where we've had students get COVID because they're in a classroom. We've made it work with all the cleaning and separating we've done, but the virus is prevalent in the wider community."

Odenwald said a decision was made last month to move back to remote learning due to the onset of colder weather.

He gave the board an update on enrollment, stating the college's goal is to see its enrollment at 1,550 students in the spring.

"We're at almost 74 percent in that segment, so those are coming in well," he said. "For new students, there are a couple of orientations happening in December/January. Right now, we're sitting at 939 overall. That number a week ago was 815, so we had a pretty strong run, and we'll continue to enroll students right up until the start of classes on Jan. 25."

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Trump pushes new environmental rollbacks on way out the door

By MATTHEW BROWN and ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Down to its final weeks, the Trump administration is working to push through dozens of environmental rollbacks that could weaken century-old protections for migratory birds, expand Arctic drilling and hamstring future regulation of public health threats.

The pending changes, which benefit oil and gas and other industries, deepen the challenges for President-elect Joe Biden, who made restoring and advancing protections for the environment, climate and public health a core piece of his campaign.

"We're going to see a real scorched-earth effort here at the tail end of the administration," said Brian Rutledge, a vice president at the National Audubon Society.

The proposed changes cap four years of unprecedented environmental deregulation by President Donald Trump, whose administration has worked to fundamentally change how federal agencies apply and enforce the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and other protections.

Most of the changes are expected to sail through the approval process, which includes the White House releasing the final version and publication in the Federal Register.

Some decisions, if they go into effect, will be easy for Biden to simply reverse. He already has pledged to return the United States to the Paris climate accord as a first step in his own $2 trillion climate plan. But he faces years of work in court and within agencies to repair major Trump cuts to the nation's framework of environmental protections.

One change that Trump wants to push through would restrict criminal prosecution for industries responsible for the deaths of the nation's migratory birds. Hawks and other birds that migrate through the central U.S. to nesting grounds on the Great Plains navigate deadly threats – from electrocution on power lines, to wind turbines that knock them from the air and oil field waste pits where landing birds perish in toxic water.

Right now, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 is a vital tool for protecting more than 1,000 species of birds including hawks and other birds of prey. Federal prosecutors use the act to recover damages, including $100 million from BP for its 2010 oil-rig spill into the Gulf of Mexico, which killed more than 100,000 seabirds.

But the Trump administration wants to make sure companies face no criminal liability for such preventable, unintentional deaths.

Federal officials advanced the bird treaty changes to the White House, one of the final steps before adoption, two days after news organizations declared Biden the winner of the presidential race.

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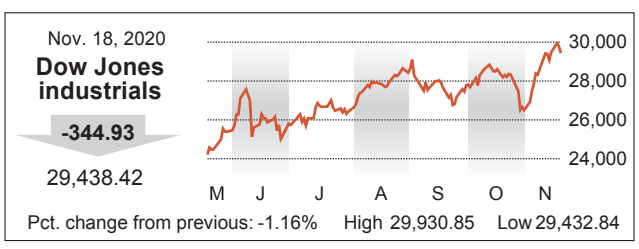

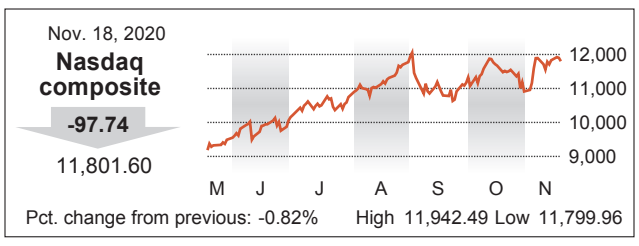

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OBITUARIES

Arnold Krumrie

Sept. 9, 1942 – May 13, 2020

Arnold A. Krumrie, 77, of Alto, Mich., passed away Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at Trillium Woods Hospice Center.

Private burial has taken place in North Shore Memory Gardens, Coloma. A graveside celebration will be held in the spring.

Memorial contributions can be made to Lacks Cancer Center in Grand Rapids (Mercy Health) www.mercyhealth.com/find-a-service-or-specialty/cancer-care/lacks-cancer-center; the Marine Corps Association mca-marines.org/foundation; or the University of Michigan Marching Band www.michiganmarchingband.com.

Those wishing to send a memory or condolence online can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Arnold was born on Sept. 9, 1942, to Arnold and Lydia (Rocks) Krumrie in Benton Harbor. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1960. Arnold then went on to earn his Bachelor of Science Degree from Indiana Tech. He loved music and was a talented drummer in both the Benton Harbor High School and the University of Michigan Bands.

Arnold was a veteran, honorably serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Professionally, he worked as a mechanical engineer at Steelcase, Inc., Grand Rapids.

Arnold is survived by his daughters: Alison Krumrie and Sarah Krumrie; their mother, Patricia Krumrie; sister, Linda (Sanford) Wise; and niece, Jennifer (Richard) Hoffman.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Arnold and Lydia Krumrie.

Donther Mims

Jan. 1, 1936 – Oct. 28, 2020

Donther Mims, 84 of Benton Harbor passed away Oct. 28, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Nov. 21, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbginsbrothersfh.com.

Donther was a faithful member of St. Paul Baptist Church. She was a loving, kindhearted woman who spent many years helping take care of others as a caregiver. She enjoyed cooking and being around family at family gatherings.

She leaves to cherish her memories her two sons: Tony Mims, James (Susan) South; her five daughters: Cora Lander, Patricia Mims, Trudy (C.L.) Warren, Angela (Cleo) Sims, Rita South; 18 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Shirley South; granddaughter, Ella Cherrelle Warren; and grandson, Marcus Mims.

Lois Cooper

Lois Elaine Cooper, 93, of Bangor passed away of natural causes on Nov. 10, 2020, at Meadow Woods Nursing Home, Bloomingdale.

Lois was born in July 1927, in Bangor, daughter of the late Percy and Edna M. Schroyer; sister of Philip, Donald, Harriet and Paul Schroyer.

Most of her life she lived in Bangor and was an active member of the Simpson United Methodist Church as well as holding many volunteer positions in the community over the years.

Lois was a registered nurse who graduated from the St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago in 1948. Her career spanned many years including work at the South Haven Hospital and after retirement she continued her career with part-time work at the Van Buren County Mental Health Department and as a home healthcare nurse.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dr. Joseph E. Cooper, who passed away in 1994. She is survived by her stepchildren: Charlotte J. Cooper (William Devereaux) of Clifton Springs, N.Y., Jo Ellen Cooper of New York, Wendy S. Latham of Kalamazoo, and Lance A. Cooper (Bethany) of Lake Jackson, Texas; her stepgrandchildren: Eva Latham of Kalamazoo and Lydia Latham of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Ryan Forte of Red Lion, Pa., Shelby Araujo of Clute, Texas; her honorary son, S. Nuri Erbas of Silver Spring, Md., and his daughters: Serra and Ayse Ebas.

Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions there will be no memorial at this time, but a service to celebrate her life will be scheduled in the future.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the Simpson United Methodist Church in Bangor or to the Bangor Public Library. Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home. www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Death notices

Lois Elaine Cooper, 93, of Bangor died Nov. 10, 2020. Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Bangor, 427-7551.

Raymond W. Eisner, 83, of Bangor died Nov. 17, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Roman S. Grabowski Jr., 82, of Coloma died Nov.17, 2020, at his residence. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Arnold A. Krumrie, 77, of Alto, Mich., died May 13, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Mary Ann T. Lauer, 90, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 15, 2020, at her home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Donther Mims, 84, of Benton Harbor died Oct. 28, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Thomas James Reid II, 76, of Vero Beach, Fla., died Nov. 12, 2020.

Christine Louise Strain, 49, of Stevensville died Nov. 17, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Christine Louise Strain

Nov. 20, 1970 – Nov. 17, 2020

Christine Louise Strain, 49, of Stevensville went to meet her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at her home.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the First Church of God, 2627 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, with the Rev. William Shepard officiating. Friends may visit with the Family from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, also at the Church. Masks and social distancing will be required for both visitation and services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Lukas Strain Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation https://www.lefonline.org/donate.

Those wishing to sign Christine's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

The funeral service can be live-streamed beginning 11 a.m. Saturday Nov. 21, at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHBQKdULWGNZwdvwcaeJ3Pw?view_as=subscriber.

Christine was born Nov. 20, 1970, in South Haven, to Charles and Joyce (Kollak) Timm. She graduated from L.C. Mohr High School in South Haven, class of 1988, and from the University of Michigan in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

On Jan. 10, 1997, she married Jeffery B. Strain in Maui.

Christine was employed for the last 28 years at Whirlpool Corporation, currently as a structural engineer. She was a member of the First Church of God, St. Joseph, where she was active in the Children's Ministries, and a member of the Society of Women Engineers. In her free time, Christine enjoyed sailing with her family.

Christine is survived by her husband. Jeff; her son, Nathan of Stevensville; her mother, Joyce Timm of Portage, Mich., her mother-in-law, Wilma Strain of Coloma; her sister, Susan (Rick) Zuiderveen of Mattawan, Mich., and a large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her son, Lukas, on Oct. 8, 2020; her father, Charles Timm; and her father-in-law, Loyd Strain.

Thomas James Reid II

Oct. 1, 1944 – Nov. 12, 2020

Thomas James Reid II, was born Oct. 1, 1944, in Chicago.

He died Nov. 12, 2020 in Vero Beach, Fla.,

Surrounded by his girls at 12:21 p.m. on Nov. 12, Tom passed away knowing he was so loved. He died a husband of over 55 years; a father of two daughters; a grandfather of three; an unbeaten Lakeshore track and field "Hall of Famer", a retired special needs teacher; and a man whom loved his family with his whole heart and soul.

We already miss the conversations on so many topics that he shared, his laugh, his love of music, his thirst to read and always learning about life. He died comforted by his faith of being free of a body that failed him, and his belief in the resurrection.

We are comforted knowing he will be held in the memory of our Creator and we will one day be reunited. A memorial to Tom's life will be on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Tom's family would like to thank the Sebastian congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for their loving support during this most difficult time. Special thanks also to the VNA Hospice of Sebastian, Fla.

Until we're reunited again, you are forever in our hearts.

Pfizer: COVID-19 shot 95% effective, seeking clearance soon

By LINDA A. JOHNSON and FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

Pfizer said Wednesday that new test results show its coronavirus vaccine is 95 percent effective, is safe and also protects older people most at risk of dying — the last data needed to seek emergency use of limited shot supplies as the catastrophic outbreak worsens across the globe.

The announcement from Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech, just a week after they revealed the first promising preliminary results, comes as the team is preparing within days to formally ask U.S. regulators to allow emergency use of the vaccine. Anticipating that, a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel is on standby to publicly debate the data in early December.

The companies also have begun "rolling submissions" for the vaccine with regulators in Europe, the U.K. and Canada and soon will add this new data.

Pfizer and BioNTech had initially estimated the vaccine was more than 90 percent effective after counting a group of the earliest infections that occurred in its final-stage testing. With the new announcement, they have accumulated more infections – 170 – and said only eight of them occurred in volunteers who got the actual vaccine rather than a comparison dummy shot. One of those eight developed severe disease, the companies said.

"This is an extraordinarily strong protection," Dr. Ugur Sahin, BioNTech's CEO and co-founder, told The Associated Press.

Even if regulators agree, he dispelled any notion that an end to the pandemic is around the corner, warning "we are now awaiting a hard winter."

"The available vaccine doses are just too small to ensure that we could make a significant difference to the society" right away, Sahin said. But next year if several companies' vaccine candidates also work, "we might be able to get control of this pandemic situation late summer 2021."

The companies have not yet released detailed data on their study, and results have not been analyzed by independent experts. Also still to be determined are important questions such as how long protection lasts and whether people might need boosters – leading experts to caution that people should focus less on the specific numbers and more on the overall promise.

Earlier this week, competitor Moderna Inc. also announced similar effectiveness of its own COVID-19 vaccine candidate, which is made with the same, brand-new technology – using a snippet of the genetic code of the coronavirus to train the body to recognize if the real virus comes along.

For both, "there's every reason to be enormously optimistic," said Dr. Paul Offit of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, one of FDA's advisers.

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Dear fellow Berrien County residents:

Together we represent businesses, nonprofit organizations, public health, local government, and health care organizations that collectively employ thousands of Berrien County residents.

But today, we write to you as fellow Berrien County citizens, as your friends and neighbors. We write as people who care for this community and for the health and safety of all our residents. We believe we can all work together to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and minimize the impact this pandemic is having on individuals, families, and our local businesses.

New COVID-19 cases in Berrien County are 9-fold higher than they were six weeks ago. Case counts are now doubling every 10 to 14 days demonstrating the exponential growth of how a virus spreads. Our health care system predicts exceeding surge capacity within the next two to three weeks if these trends do not reverse. The window of time for assisting our health care heroes to continue operating within their capacity is growing smaller by the day. Our health care system is struggling to keep staff members healthy, and testing and other supplies are beginning to dwindle nationwide. Staying safe will help our hospitals maintain manageable capacity during the surge.

As we head into this holiday season, we must remain committed to reducing the spread of COVID-19 however we can. Health officials encourage reconsidering plans for gathering with more than two households. COVID-19 will not take a break for the season and neither can we. We all have a shared responsibility to wear masks, maintain social distance, and sanitize hands and surfaces.

While we are masked and socially distant, we also need to continue to support our local businesses by ordering takeout meals, shopping local, and continuing to do business with local service providers. Businesses in Berrien County have implemented several innovative measures to ensure that customers and staff are well protected while maintaining daily operations. We believe in the creativity and ingenuity of our business owners to make it through tough times, in our mutual commitment to one another's health and wellbeing, and in the resilience of our residents.

Our response is more effective if we are united in our efforts to face this virus together. Our collective action can control the severity of COVID-19; with immediate action we can help save lives and keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed, allow our schools to remain open, and keep workers employed. As we continue to battle this pandemic, we ask that you join us in making short-term sacrifices for the long-term vision of a stronger, healthier community and economy here in Michigan's Great Southwest.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Members of Lake Michigan Catholic Junior High and High School Environmental Club will participate in a Rock-A-Thon on Sunday at the high school in St. Joseph. The club's goal is to raise $10,000 to give to local, state and national environmental groups. Of that amount, $8,500 will be given to Sarett Nature Center in Benton Township for observation towers and board walks for the Brown Sanctuary, a 260-acre wetland marsh along the Paw Paw River.

1985 – 35 years ago

Henry and George Freehling of rural Buchanan have been recognized by Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative Select Sires for owning a cow that has produced more than 1,000 pounds of butterfat in her first lactation. "Freehling Hannibal Hanna-Grade" produced 24,143 pounds of milk, 4.8 percent butterfat and 1.1498 pounds of butterfat in 323 days. To qualify, a 2-year-old must be sired by a Select Sires bull and must produce more than 1,000 pounds of butterfat in her first lactation.

1970 – 50 years ago

Debut of the Pompom Girls Club for Coloma schools is scheduled for Dec. 5, during a basketball game between Coloma and Watervliet teams in Coloma. Approval and $500 to form the club was given by the Coloma School Board. The club, consisting of 16 high school girls, will perform between games and during intermissions.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Nov. 19, the 324th day of 2020. There are 42 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.

On this date:

In 1600, King Charles I of England was born in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland.

In 1850, Alfred Tennyson was invested as Britain's poet laureate.

In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel.

In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made the second manned landing on the moon.

In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

In 1985, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

In 1995, Polish President Lech Walesa was defeated in his bid for re-election.

In 1996, 14 people were killed when a commuter plane collided with a private plane at an airport in Quincy, Illinois. The United States vetoed U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's bid for a second term.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Scattered Rain	Partly Cloudy
62°	48°	57° / 40°	50° / 39°	49° / 36°	46° / 33°

Local Outlook

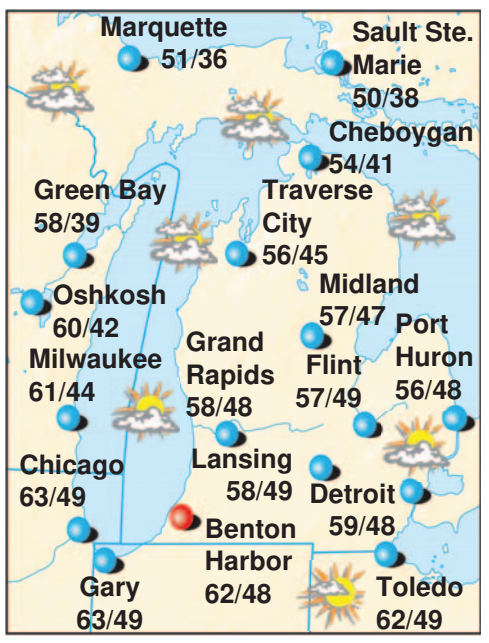
Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 62°, humidity of 40%. South southwest wind 15 to 23 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 48°. South southwest wind 11 to 15 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 57°, humidity of 59%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:41 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:20 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 12:27 p.m.
Moonset ..... 9:43 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
11/21	11/30	12/7	12/14

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	51°
Low	32°
Normal High	47°
Normal Low	32°
Record High	69° in 1999
Record Low	10° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.88"
Normal for month	2.14"
Year to date	31.12"
Normal Year to date	34.14"

Air Quality

Yesterday 58
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

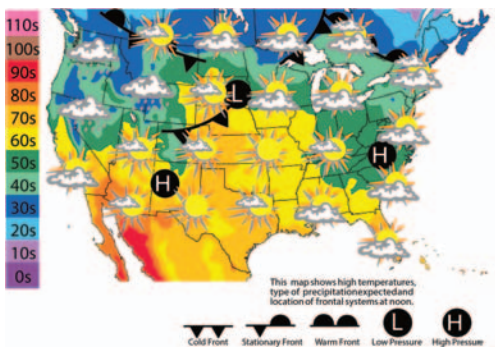
Weather Trivia

The zone of atmosphere that we stand in is known as?

Answer: The lithosphere.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 19, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, SSW wind 23 to 27 kt, with gusts as high as 33 kt. Waves 4 to 5 ft. Water temperature 48 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind 21 to 23 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves around 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 50s. Southwest wind 11 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 40s and 50s. West wind 8 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 50s and 60s. South southwest wind 15 to 23 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 50s and 60s. West southwest wind 2 to 11 mph.

TEACHERS

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"I can honestly tell you now, none of us would have made the day if it were not for them," Harrisburg School Superintendent Chris Ferrell recalled, choking up.

At home, Susanne Michael's death has been particularly hard for her toddler. "He will just point to the sky and say, 'Mama is up there,'" her husband said.

His wife had diabetes, was a uterine cancer survivor and had just one kidney. Therein lies the main challenge of operating schools: While children generally have mild cases or no symptoms at all, about 1 in 4 of their teachers, or nearly 1.5 million of them, have a condition that raises their risk of getting seriously ill from the coronavirus, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Early research suggested that children are unlikely to contract or spread the coronavirus – an idea that influenced school reopenings in some communities. But Laura Garabedian, a professor of population medicine at Harvard Medical School, said much of that research was conducted during lockdowns when children were home and testing wasn't being done on those with mild or symptomless cases.

"I think the key question is whether being at school puts teachers at increased risk of getting COVID. I don't think we know that," she said. But she added: "There are kids who definitely transmit it, and we know that."

With community spread rampant across much of the country and contact tracers overwhelmed, it is is often hard to tell where teachers are becoming infected.

When cases can be traced back to their source, it is often an informal gathering, a restaurant or a sporting event, not a classroom, said Emily Oster, a Brown University economics professor whose analysis of in-school infection data from all 50 states found that bringing students together in schools does not appear to be driving the spread.

"I don't think anyone would claim that no one has gotten COVID at a school. That would be unrealistic," she said. "But in most of the cases we are seeing among people who are affiliated with schools, the actual case was not acquired at a school."

Her database identified 17 cases per 100,000 students and 26 per 100,000 staff members as of Friday. She said the staff rate is slightly higher than the general rate in the community.

"There are people who would say if even one teacher acquires COVID at a school and dies, then it would not have been worth it to open schools," Oster said. "I think that argument is complicated because people are going to suffer tremendously from schools being closed, but that is a tricky calculus."

Keith Michael, who is the transportation supervisor for the city of Jonesboro, talked with his wife about the risk of returning to her school before classes started and suspects she might have been infected there.

Through the summer, his wife largely stayed at home, going out mainly to buy groceries. She worked diligently to space out desks in her classroom, according to her husband, though he added, "When you have a full classroom it is impossible to totally socially distance everyone."

HUNTING

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For his part, "it's a reawakening, kinda gets me back to my roots."

More than 545,000 hunters in Michigan had bought licenses through Nov. 11, nearly 10 percent more than at the same point in 2019, according to the state Department of Natural Resources. Significantly, the number getting licenses for the first time in at least five years – if ever – has jumped 80 percent, to nearly 84,500.

The state's total is up 20 percent for female hunters and 18 percent for those ages 9 and younger.

In neighboring Wisconsin, archery license sales have risen 12 percent and gun license sales 9.5 percent. Maine reports a state record for deer hunting permits, and Vermont and Nevada have had double-digit hunting increases.

Fishing license sales also have soared. Louisiana's total in April, shortly after the governor issued a stay-at-home order, nearly doubled that of the same month in 2019. In Idaho, new hunters and anglers are up nearly 30 percent over last year.

The trend appears to be nationwide, although many states won't have final numbers until the end of the year, said Nick Buggia of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, which supports outdoor sports caucuses in Congress and state legislatures.

The pandemic almost certainly is a leading factor, Buggia said. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had reported a decline in hunting since the early 1980s. Michigan had lost about 300,000 deer hunters in the previous 20 years, state wildlife biologist Chad Stewart said.

The slump is worrisome to state wildlife regulatory agencies, whose budgets rely heavily on revenue from hunting and fishing license fees. Natural resource managers also depend on hunters to cull overgrown deer populations. Maine boosted its permits this year to control a herd that has swelled in recent years because of mild winters.

Young people especially have shown less interest as more of their time goes to extracurricular school activities and computer games, officials say.

But with the virus outbreak, "kids aren't having sports practices or music lessons, and people working at home have more free time, so it's been an opportunity for families to reconnect with the outdoors," Buggia said.

Hunting is ideal for avoiding the virus because participants are outside and usually a good distance apart, said Louis Porter, Vermont's fish and wildlife commissioner.

"All of the things that hunting offers to people and the varied reasons people hunt all fit in with the pandemic," he said.

But Vermont officials are discouraging one cherished tradition: deer camp, where hunters from numerous locations can pack into tight quarters for days.

Some new or returning hunters may have a more pressing motive than curing stir-craziness or reconnecting with nature: putting food on the table.

"Any time the economy slows down, there is an increase in hunting licenses as people are interested in pursuing a less expensive food source," said Eric Lobner, director of Wisconsin's wildlife management division.

Zane Goucher via AP

Zane Goucher, left, and daughter Annabelle Goucher pose for a selfie, while bow hunting for deer near Dansville, Mich., on Oct. 10. Goucher says he hadn't gone hunting in 22 years but took up the sport again because the coronavirus outbreak provided incentive to spend more time outdoors with his children.

LETTERS

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money to answer Santa letters.

"I just like making the kids happy," she said. "That's what makes me happy."

Over the years she has received some memorable letters.

One came several years ago from an older woman living in Casco Township.

"There was a letter from an 84-year-old lady who wrote that she knew it was dumb for asking, but she was really lonely and would like him to bring her a Chihuahua or small dog for Christmas," Dubas said during a newspaper interview several years ago. "It just broke my heart."

After a number of phone calls, plus some help from a relative, Dubas made sure Ann Upton got her wish when Santa arrived at her house with a 7-year old Chihuahua named Ladybug.

Another memorable letter came from an adult with a disability who wrote to say he had accidentally broken his mother's Christmas CD, and he wondered whether Santa could replace it.

"I found an identical one at the store and sent it to him," Dubas said. "I don't normally buy gifts, but there's certain things that tug at my heart."

Because she is now retired from her postal job, Dubas said she'll have to gather her letters differently this year. Like many post offices throughout the country, South Haven's post office now sends Santa letters to a facility in New York that handles them.

"They receive thousands of letters, but there are kids who don't get a letter back," Dubas said. "If they send a letter to me at least they'll get a letter back."

This year she views her role as especially important.

"With this pandemic (children) need something in their lives that's normal," Dubas said.

People who want to send letters to Santa or monetary contributions to help offset the yearly costs Dubas incurs, can send them to:

Santa
C/O 73100 County Road 388, Lot 95
South Haven, MI 49090

Letters can also be dropped off at Clementine's at the corner of Center and Phoenix streets in downtown South Haven.

hp SPORTS

Top four teams look clear in college football

The first College Football Playoff rankings of the season will be released next Tuesday, but barring any major upsets, don't expect the four top teams in the current Associated Press poll to change.

Al Arend
Big Al's Picks

Alabama, Notre Dame, Ohio State and Clemson all appear secure in making this season's playoff, although the order could change.

Is Notre Dame that secure?

Yes, of course it is!

The Fighting Irish are off this week, and have three regular season games remaining at North Carolina (6-2) on Nov. 27, Syracuse (1-7) on Dec. 4, and at Wake Forest (4-3) on Dec. 12. They will be prohibitive favorites in all three.

The only possible thing that could change the CFP selection committee's mind about Notre Dame – if it avoids an upset – is its potential rematch with Clemson on Dec. 19 in the ACC Championship Game.

What if a healthy Clemson, which did not have quarterback Trevor Lawrence and three defensive starters in that double-overtime loss to the Fighting Irish, thumps ND by three or four TDs in the rematch?

No non-Power Five conference team, or two-loss squad, has ever made the CFP. But in this coronavirus season, two non-Power Five undefeated teams (Cincinnati and BYU) are waiting in the wings.

Adios Clemson if it loses to ND again. The Tigers' remaining schedule prior to the ACC title tilt is at Florida State (2-6), Pittsburgh (4-4) and at Virginia Tech (4-4) the next three Saturdays, before an off week just prior to the ACC championship matchup.

Top college game

Ohio State 38, Indiana 24

My apologies to Mike Dumke, Jim Algyre, Jeff Fettig and Hank Orme – all real IU grads.

Idle thought

I see where Michigan (1-3) is a 7 ½-point favorite over Rutgers (1-3). Is this the worst U-M team since the 1962 squad went 2-7? Retired area judge John Dewane, the Mayor of Ridgeway and "biggest" blue belly of them all, thinks so.

High school dilemma

With the playoffs put on hold for at least three weeks, perhaps more, I have to wonder how any coach, like Lakeshore's Denny Dock, can keep his team fired up to play.

On with the forecast:

HIGH SCHOOL
Last week: 5-0, 1.000
Season: 78-17, .821
No playoff games.
COLLEGE
Last week: 30-6, .833
Season: 213-64, .769
Tonight
Tulsa 28, Tulane 24
Wyoming 31, Utah St. 17
Friday
Louisville 34, Syracuse 17

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MHSAA reveals plans for fall, winter sports

FROM THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

EAST LANSING — The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association approved today an adjusted schedule to restart and conclude fall tournaments in football, girls volleyball and girls swimming and diving, and also to resume winter sports after the three-week "pause" in activity ordered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) scheduled to end Dec. 9.

The MDHHS announced Nov. 15 a three-week pause to various activities including school sports, effective Nov. 18, in hopes of halting the state's rising infections due to COVID-19.

The volleyball and swimming and diving tournaments have one week remaining, with MHSAA Finals for both previously scheduled for Nov. 21. The 11- and 8-player football playoffs also are nearing their conclusions, with the 8-player postseason two games from completion and 11-player down to its final three rounds. Winter practices for all but boys basketball, bowling, skiing and wrestling had begun for high school teams.

If allowed by the MDHHS, practice would resume for all three fall sports Dec. 9, with tournaments scheduled as follows:

Volleyball: Quarterfinals in all four divisions would be played Tuesday, Dec. 15, with Semifinals played Dec. 17-18 and Finals on Saturday, Dec. 19. Those final two rounds would be played at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena, as previously scheduled.

Swimming and diving: All three Lower Peninsula finals would be conducted Tuesday, Dec. 22 (diving) and Wednesday, Dec. 23 (swimming) with three high schools each hosting one meet. This allows for a two-week practice window for all participating swimmers who previously met and entered qualification times, and for divers who previously qualified at regional meets.

Football: 11-player regional finals and 8-Player semifinals would be played Tuesday, Dec. 15, and Wednesday Dec. 16; 11-player semifinals and 8-player finals would be played Dec. 21-22, the 8-player championship games at Midland Community Stadium; 11-Player finals will be played Monday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday Dec. 29 at Ford Field.

For winter sports, the Council approved resuming practices on Dec. 9 if allowed by the MDHHS, with competition to begin Jan. 4.

"We understand where COVID numbers were trending, and that's why we have been supportive of the order to pause," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "But these fall sports deserve closure, and this strategy provides the best opportunities without further interruptions to a normal course of training and competition.

"A very small percentage of our teams remain active in our dall tournaments, also limiting potential exposure to the virus across the state. Meanwhile, by waiting until January to begin winter competition, the council is allowing our teams to continue activity but also restricting the mixing of communities to further promote reducing COVID spread."

The council meets again Dec. 4 for its annual fall meeting, and at that time will consider possible tournament adjustments necessary due to the shortened winter competition season.

Matt Stamey / AP

Florida State forward Patrick Williams brings the ball up during the first half of a game against Florida on Nov. 10, 2019. Williams was selected by the Chicago Bull in the NBA draft Wednesday, Nov. 18. (AP Photo / Matt Stamey)

Bulls draft Florida St. forward Williams with No. 4 pick

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls drafted versatile Florida State forward Patrick Williams with the No. 4 pick on Wednesday night, the next big step for a rebuilding team with a new front office led by Arturas Karnisovas.

The 19-year-old Williams was the Atlantic Coast Conference's sixth man of the year and helped the Seminoles win their first ACC regular-season crown. At 6-foot-8 and with a nearly 7-foot wingspan, he can defend multiple positions and had a team-high 30 blocks.

Williams averaged 9.2 points and 4.0 rebounds in just 22.6 minutes per game. He also shot 83.8 percent from the foul line.

The Bulls also have a second-rounder at No. 44 overall.

The draft was the first for Chicago not led by longtime executives Jerry Krause or John Paxson since 1984. Back then, Rod Thorn used the No. 3 pick to take some guy out of North Carolina named Michael Jordan.

The Bulls finished 22-43 last season and were one of the eight teams that didn't qualify for the NBA's restart at Walt Disney World. They were 11th in the Eastern Conference when play was stopped because of the COVID-19 pandemic in March and decided they needed new leadership.

The 49-year-old Karnisovas starred at Seton Hall and had a successful international career that included two Olympic bronze medals playing for Lithuania. He worked in basketball operations for the NBA from 2003-08 and spent five years as an international scout for the Houston Rockets before joining Denver's front office in 2013. He became the Nuggets' general manager four years later, with Tim Connelly promoted from GM to president of basketball operations.

Karnisovas had big roles in Denver, taking two-time All-Star center Nikola Jokic in the second round of the 2014 draft with the 41st overall pick, as well as recent lottery selections Jamal Murray and Michael Porter Jr. Karnisovas and Connelly also constructed a highly respected international scouting operation.

All that explains why Chicago hired Karnisovas as executive vice president of basketball operations in April while shifting Paxson into an advisory role. The Bulls also fired Gar Forman and brought in general manager Marc Eversley from Philadelphia to replace him. And they didn't stop there.

They let former coach Jim Boylen

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Local soccer players earn all-state honors

St. Joseph's Scouler selected to first team in Division 2

By HP STAFF

St. Joseph's Jacob Scouler earned first-team all-state honors in Division 2 from the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

Scouler, a junior forward, was one of four Bears honored. Junior goalkeeper Preston Nichols and junior midfielder Preston Nichols made the second team, and senior forward Jack Pender received honorable mention.

St. Joseph finished 14-4-1, won a district championship, and reached the regional final where it lost to eventual state champion Gull Lake. The Bears played Gull Lake three times this season, winning once.

Niles senior midfielder Dominick Thornton earned honorable mention in Division 2.

In Division 3, Dowagiac had six players chosen after its district championship season. Junior Isaac Savedra made the first team, senior Nate Judd and junior Henry Weller were chosen to the second team, and senior Gustavo Cruz, sophomore Alex Hernandez, and junior goalkeeper Alejandro Martinez received honorable mention.

South Haven senior defender Brian Calderon made the second team,

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Don Campbell / HP staff

St. Joseph's Jacob Scouler pushes past Sturgis' Jose Quiroz Carranza during a district soccer game on Oct. 14. Scouler was selected first-team all-state this season.

Pistons draft point guard Killian Hayes with 7th pick

STR / AP

Cholet's Killian Hayes, left, drives against an unidentified Chalon-sur-Saone player during the French Cup under-17 final in Paris on April 22, 2017. Hayes was selected by the Detroit Pistons in the NBA draft on Wednesday.

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Pistons selected point guard Killian Hayes with the No. 7 pick in the NBA draft on Wednesday night.

The 6-foot-5 Hayes was one of the draft's top international prospects. He was born in Florida but grew up in western France.

The Pistons went the international route in the first round last year as well when they took Sekou Doumbouya, a Guinea native who moved to France when he was young.

The Pistons also agreed to a deal with Houston on Wednesday, acquiring the 16th pick and Trevor Ariza for a future first-round selection, according to a person with knowledge of the trade. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn't been announced.

Hayes, a lefty who has played in France and Germany, has good size for his position. He averaged 11.6 points and 5.3 assists per game in 2019-20 in Germany's top league. His father, DeRon, played at Penn State and went on to a lengthy pro career in Europe.

Hayes has mentioned Manu Ginobili and James Harden as players he admires and tries to emulate. He joins a Detroit team that hasn't won a playoff game since 2008. The Pistons went 20-46 last season.

This is Detroit's first offseason under new general manager Troy Weaver, who was hired this year. The Pistons still have Blake Griffin, but they moved on from big man Andre Drummond last season, and their backcourt could use help. Detroit bought out point guard Reggie Jackson in another step toward a rebuild.

Point guard Derrick Rose played well last season but averaged only 26 minutes per game, and his injury history is always a concern.

This was the Pistons' highest pick since they took Greg Monroe at No. 7 in 2010. They haven't picked higher than seventh since 2003, when they took Darko Milicic at No. 2.

Pistons trade, take Washington's Stewart at 16

From HP WIRE REPORTS

DETROIT — With their second first-round pick in the 2020 NBA draft, the Detroit Pistons and first-year general manager Troy Weaver selected Isaiah Stewart, a center out of Washington, with the 16h overall pick.

The Pistons acquired the pick about an hour before the draft in a trade with the Houston Rockets. The pick was originally Portland's.

With their earlier first-round selection, the Pistons picked French point guard Killian Hayes at No. 7.

Weaver is known to favor players with good size for their positions, and both Hayes and Stewart illustrate his vision for what the future of Pistons basketball could look like.

Stewart averaged 17 points, 8.8 rebounds and 2.1 blocks as a freshman last season.

The Pistons enter free agency, which kicks off Friday at 6 p.m., with $30 million in cap space.

The organization is expected to continue remaking its roster following a disappointing 20-46 season under second-year coach Dwane Casey, that saw them miss the playoffs for the ninth time in 11 seasons.

The Pistons have not won a playoff game since 2008, and have lost an NBA record 14 consecutive playoff games.

Detroit also got the 19th pick, Saddiq Bey.

The Brooklyn Nets traded the 19th pick to the Los Angeles Clippers for guard Landry Shamet in a three-team trade Wednesday night with the Detroit Pistons.

Brooklyn selected Bey for the Clippers, who sent Shamet to the Nets. Los Angeles flipped Bey, who played at Villanova, to Detroit for Luke Kennard.

SCOREBOARD

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	272	265
Miami	6	3	0	.667	251	182
New England	4	5	0	.444	189	211
N.Y. Jets	0	9	0	.000	121	268

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	242	177
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	249	235
Houston	2	7	0	.222	200	252
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	199	271

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	0	0	1.000	271	171
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	244	165
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	216	244
Cincinnati	2	6	1	.278	204	250

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	286	183
Las Vegas	6	3	0	.667	255	241
Denver	3	6	0	.333	186	254
L.A. Chargers	2	7	0	.222	226	245

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	5	1	.389	203	232
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	195	236
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	204	290
Washington	2	7	0	.222	180	218

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	271	213
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	296	226
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	243	251
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	233	272

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	277	224
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	191	209
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	227	267
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	236	247

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	6	3	0	.667	266	210
L.A. Rams	6	3	0	.667	216	168
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	290	266
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	238	234

Thursday's Game

Arizona at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New England at Houston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Chicago, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco

Monday, Nov. 23

L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Football Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Buffalo 42, Bowling Green 17
Kent State 69, Akron 35

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Toledo (1-1) at E. Michigan (0-2)
N. Illinois (0-2) at Ball St. (1-1)
W. Michigan (2-0) at Cent. Michigan (2-0)

Thursday, Nov. 19

Tulane (5-4) at Tulsa (4-1), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20

Syracuse (1-7) at Louisville (2-6), 7 p.m.
Purdue (2-1) at Minnesota (1-3), 7:30 p.m.
UMass (0-2) at FAU (4-1), 8 p.m.
New Mexico (0-3) at Air Force (1-2), 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Georgia Southern (6-2) at Army (6-2), Noon
East Carolina (1-6) at Temple (1-5), Noon
Michigan St. (1-3) at Maryland (2-1), Noon
SF Austin (6-3) at Memphis (4-2), Noon
Clemson (7-1) at Florida St. (2-6), Noon
Florida (5-1) at Vanderbilt (0-6), Noon
App. St. (6-1) at Coastal Carolina (7-0), Noon
Indiana (4-0) at Ohio St. (3-0), Noon
Illinois (1-3) at Nebraska (1-2), Noon
LSU (2-3) at Arkansas (3-4), Noon
FIU (0-4) at W. Kentucky (3-6), 2 p.m.
Rice (1-1) at North Texas (2-3), 2 p.m.
Arkansas St. (3-5) at Texas State (1-9), 3 p.m.
UTSA (5-4) at Southern Miss. (2-6), 3 p.m.
W. Carolina (0-1) at E. Kentucky (2-6), 3 p.m.
Cincinnati (7-0) at UCF (5-2), 3:30 p.m.
Middle Tenn. (2-6) at Troy (4-3), 3:30 p.m.
Iowa (2-2) at Penn St. (0-4), 3:30 p.m.
Wisconsin (2-0) at NW (4-0), 3:30 p.m.
North Alabama (0-3) at BYU (8-0), 3 p.m.
California (0-1) at Oregon St. (0-2), 3:30 p.m.
SDSU (3-1) at Nevada (4-0), 3:30 p.m.
Virginia Tech (4-4) at Pittsburgh (4-4), 4 p.m.
Georgia St. (3-4) at S. Alabama (3-5), 4 p.m.
Abilene Christian (1-4) at Virginia (3-4), 4 p.m.
Kentucky (3-4) at Alabama (6-0), 4 p.m.
Kansas St. (4-3) at Iowa St. (5-2), 4 p.m.
Tennessee (2-4) at Auburn (4-2), 7 p.m.
San Jose St. (4-0) at Fresno St. (3-1), 7 p.m.
Missouri (2-3) at SCAR (2-5), 7:30 p.m.
Liberty (8-0) at NC State (5-3), 7:30 p.m.
Mississippi St. (2-4) at Georgia (4-2), 7:30 p.m.
Michigan (1-3) at Rutgers (1-3), 7:30 p.m.
OK St. (5-1) at Oklahoma (5-2), 7:30 p.m.
Arizona (0-1) at Washington (1-0), 8 p.m.
WSU (1-1) at Stanford (0-2), 10:30 p.m.
Southern Cal (2-0) at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Boise St. (3-1) at Hawaii (2-2), 11 p.m.
UCLA (1-1) at Oregon (2-0), TBA

Postponements and Cancellations

Georgia Tech (2-5) at Miami (7-1), ppd.
Navy (3-4) at South Florida (1-7), ppd.
Houston (3-3) at SMU (7-2), ppd.
Texas (5-2) at Kansas (0-7), ppd.
Mississippi (3-4) at Texas A&M (5-1), ppd.
La.-Monroe at Louisiana Tech, ccd.
Ohio at Miami (OH), ccd.
Utah St. (0-4) at Wyoming (1-2), ccd.
UAB (4-3) at UTEP (3-4), ccd.
Wake Forest at Duke, ccd.
UCA (5-4) at La.-Lafayette (7-1), ccd.
Arizona State at Colorado, ccd.
UNLV (0-4) at Colorado St. (1-2), ccd.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
National League

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with LHP Sam Clay.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed CBs Donnie Lewis and Trajan Brady to the practice squad. Placed DE Freedom Akinmoladun on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Activated CB Trae Waynes from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Placed CB Trae Waynes on injured reserve.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed T Jack Conklin, LS Charley Hughlett and K Cody Parkey on the reserve/COVID-19 list.
NEW YORK JETS — Activated LB Patrick Onwuasor from injured reserve. Designated OLB Frankie Luve to return to the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Designated DL Chris Wormley to return from injured reserve.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Activated RB Senorise Perry from injured reserve.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

LOS ANGELES FOOTBALL CLUB — Named Stacy Johns chief financial officer. Named Jim Bailey executive consultant.<lt;

All NFL teams to enter intensive COVID-19 protocol

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL is placing all teams in intensive protocol starting Saturday to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 as the number of cases rises around the country.

Use of masks will be mandatory at all times at team facilities, including during practice and in weight rooms. Meetings must be held either virtually or in the largest indoor space with approval by the league.

Meals have to be made available for grab-and-go to avoid players and staff congregating in cafeterias. Time spent in the locker room also has to be limited.

Clubs operating under the intensive protocols have reduced close contacts by more than 50 percent since the fifth week of the regular season, according to a memo obtained by The Associated Press that was sent from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to teams on Wednesday.

"These sustained reductions and the resulting health and safety benefits make it appropriate to implement the intensive protocols on a mandatory, league-wide basis," Goodell said in the memo.

So far, 28 teams have entered intensive protocol at some point and 16 teams have done it more than once.

"The upcoming holidays, beginning with Thanksgiving next week, will introduce new risks of exposure that we need to address now," Goodell wrote. "Because we have a highly sophisticated program of daily testing, we know when the virus enters our facilities, which underscores the importance of contact tracing and other steps to minimize close contacts within a facility.

"Recent experience has highlighted the importance of minimizing high-risk close contacts; on multiple occasions, we have seen individuals identified on that basis test positive within a short time. We have also seen many instances in which effective action by clubs to minimize these close contacts prevented the virus from spreading within the club, and avoided players or coaches being ruled out of practice or games."

The NFL said Tuesday there were 17 new confirmed positives among players and 35 among other personnel during testing from Nov. 8-14. That brought the league's total to 95 players and 175 other personnel since Aug. 1, not counting new cases this week.

"The biggest motivator I find when we talk to the clubs about this is simply that if they are not in compliance with the protocols from a mask-wearing perspective or for some reason somebody forgot their device or something like that, they're much more likely to be identified as a high-risk close contact than they would otherwise," said Jeff Miller, the league's executive vice president of communications, public affairs and policy.

"So when that individual coach or player is removed from the team environment for five days because their mask was down, that's a lesson learned throughout the facility. And so I don't think we see a lot of repeat problems as far as that goes. Not everybody's perfect all the time. But I think the biggest enforcement piece is taking somebody out of the team environment and potentially costing them the opportunity to play in the game or to go through a week's worth of the practice. I think that part of it is a little bit undersold. It feels like a lot when we talk to the clubs as a behavior change mechanism."

Teams previously in intensive protocols have been the Falcons, Cardinals, Ravens, Bears, Broncos, Lions, Packers, Texans, Colts, Chiefs, Dolphins, Saints, Steelers and 49ers.

New York Giants fire offensive line coach Marc Colombo

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants have fired offensive line coach Marc Colombo.

Coach Joe Judge announced the stunning move on Wednesday without an explanation. Veteran line coach Dave DeGuglielmo will finish the season running the line.

The Giants (3-7) are heading into a bye week with the new offensive line starting to play well. New York has won two straight games to get back in the race for the NFC East title.

"We appreciate what Marc has done, but I felt like this move is in the best interest of the team," Judge said in a statement.

Mets' Canó suspended 162 games by MLB after drug test

NEW YORK (AP) — Mets second baseman Robinson Canó was suspended for 162 games by Major League Baseball on Wednesday after he tested positive for a performance-enhancing drug for the second time in his decorated career.

The 38-year-old Canó will miss the entire 2021 season and lose $24 million in salary. The eight-time All-Star hit a robust .316 with 10 home runs and 30 RBIs in this year's pandemic-shortened season.

Minus Canó, New York could move good-hitting Jeff McNeil into a regular spot at second base. The suspension also will surely prompt calls by Mets fans to sign free agent DJ LeMahieu, an AL MVP candidate this year with the Yankees.

The penalty came less than two weeks after Steve Cohen bought the Mets for $2.4 billion, a move that created an avalanche of positivity for a team that has reached the playoffs just three times in the last 20 years.

The commissioner's office said Canó tested positive for Stanozolol, an anabolic steroid. He was penalized 80 games in May 2018 while with Seattle after a positive test for Furosemide, a diuretic that some athletes have used to mask other substances.

"We were extremely disappointed to be informed about Robinson's suspension for violating Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program," new Mets president Sandy Alderson said in a statement. "The violation is very unfortunate for him, the organization, our fans, and the sport. The Mets fully support MLB's efforts toward eliminating performance-enhancing substances from the game."

There was no immediate comment from Canó or the players' union.

Alderson was hired by Cohen on the day the Mets sale was completed. General manager Brodie Van Wagenen exited the same day – Van Wagenen made the trade to get Canó from Seattle in December 2018 after previously being his agent.

In a move that polarized Mets fans, the high-priced Canó and big league saves leader Edwin Díaz were acquired in a deal that sent top outfield prospect Jarred Kelenic and young pitching to the Mariners.

Canó was set to head into the eighth year of his $240 million, 10-year contract. He will not be eligible for the playoffs if the Mets make the postseason.

In 16 seasons, he is a career .303 hitter with 1,302 RBIs and two Gold Gloves. He played 49 games this year in a season shortened from the usual 162 to 60 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Canó became a star with the Yankees, then signed a big contract with the Mariners. His ban during the 2018 season made him among the most prominent players penalized under baseball's anti-doping rules.

At that time, Canó said the diuretic "was given to me by a licensed doctor in the Dominican Republic to treat a medical ailment." Canó said he didn't realize the drug was banned by MLB.

McNeil has hit .319 in three seasons with the Mets and was an All-Star in 2019. Second base is probably his most natural position, though he's done fine while also playing third base, left field and right field.

Texas-Kansas among 6 major games postponed by virus

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

No. 22 Texas at Kansas was among six games postponed Wednesday by COVID-19 problems as the virus took another chunk out of this weekend's major college football schedule.

Overall, 14 out of 62 games involving Bowl Subdivision teams scheduled for this week have been called off. Last week, 15 of the 59 games scheduled were not played.

Texas-Kansas was just the second Big 12 conference game to be postponed this season and was rescheduled for Dec. 12.

The American Athletic Conference had to call off Navy at South Florida and Houston at SMU. The conference will work to reschedule those games.

The Mountain West also had two games disrupted. Utah State at Wyoming slated for Thursday night was canceled. UNLV at Colorado State scheduled for Saturday will not be played, but there is a possibility it could be made up.

No. 24 Louisiana-Lafayette also said it would not play its nonconference game against Central Arkansas on Saturday, but hopes to be back at practice by Saturday and ready to play its next Sun Belt game on Nov. 28 against Louisiana-Monroe.

Oladipo joins ownership group with New Zealand Breakers

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — While Victor Oladipo's future with the Indiana Pacers remains murky, he's found a franchise-altering deal elsewhere.

Oladipo told The Associated Press that he and business manager Jay Henderson have joined an ownership group that includes former Florida basketball player Matt Walsh to purchase the New Zealand Breakers of the Australian National Basketball League.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed, but it will make the 28-year-old Oladipo one of world's youngest basketball team owners – and the owner of the New Zealand's home arena.

"I was always interested in being part of team ownership, having input with a team and helping a team be successful on the business side of things," Oladipo said. "To work with a team from this perspective, I'm sure I'll have newfound respect for the guys who have been in that position."

The announcement comes at a time some have questioned Oladipo's commitment to the Pacers. He initially opted out of playing in the NBA's coronavirus bubble this summer over concerns about his injured right knee.

Eventually, he backtracked and did play in Orlando.

Last week, The Indianapolis Star reported that while he was in the bubble, Oladipo repeatedly asked opposing players whether they'd be interested in having Oladipo as a teammate.

"It is what it is, it's over with now. Emotions were felt. I have no ill will toward anybody," Oladipo said. "I love everyone, I pray for everyone, that's just the kind of guy I am. I just look forward to playing for the Pacers and winning a championship for the state of Indiana."

In the meantime, Oladipo has continued rehabbing the knee and says he feels as close to 100 percent as he has at any point since rupturing his quadriceps tendon in January 2019.

And he continues to contemplate life after basketball.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Running

Niles-Buchanan YMCA Thanksgiving Day Run: Nov. 26 at the YMCA in Niles. Live event and virtual event available. Live event includes 10K run at 7:30 a.m. and 5K run/walk starts every half hour from 8-9:30 a.m. Each start is limited to 250 participants. Cost is $20-$35 depending on signup date. For more information or to register, go to runsignup.com/Race/MI/NILES/Niles-ThanksgivingDayRun.

Candy Cane 5K Run/Walk: 9 a.m. Dec. 5 in Stevensville. Start and finish outside Red Coach Donuts. Cost is $25. Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Lutheran School's scholarship fund. To sign up or for more information, go to runsignup.com/CandyCane5k.

Submit your items for the Local Sports Calendar to sports@TheHP.com.

BIG AL

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Purdue 31, Minnesota 27
Fla. Atlantic 49, UMass 6
Air Force 33, New Mexico 22

Saturday

Michigan 38, Rutgers 28
Maryland 31, Michigan State 27
Nebraska 34, Illinois 17
Ohio State 38, Indiana 24
Penn State 28, Iowa 27
Wisconsin 37, Northwestern 23
Alabama 42, Kentucky 8
Arkansas 27, LSU 24
Army 28, Geo, Southern 23
Auburn 35, Tennessee 24
Boise State 31, Hawaii 23
BYU 63, N. Alabama 7
California 35, Oregon St. 31
Cincinnati 28, UCF 24
Clemson 56, Fla. State 10
C. Carolina 28, Appalachian St. 27
Colorado State 38, UNLV 21
Florida 49, Vanderbilt 13
Georgia 42, Miss. State 21
Iowa State 31, Kansas State 24
Louisiana 42, C. Arkansas 14
Memphis 37, SF Austin 0
Missouri 27, S. Carolina 21
N.C. State 42, Liberty 35
Oklahoma 34, Okla. State 31
Oregon 38, UCLA 28
Rice 30, N. Texas 27
San Antonio 34, Southern Miss. 28
San Jose St. 31, Fresno St. 27
Stanford 28, Wash. St. 27
Troy 33, Mid-Tennessee 20
USC 34, Utah 28
Va. Tech 34, Pittsburgh 28
Virginia 52, Abilene Chr. 6
Washington 34, Arizona 24
W. Kentucky 27, Fla. Inter. 20

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SOCCER

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and junior midfielder Eric Gonzalez earned honorable mention.

In Division 4, Michigan Lutheran senior forward Christian Kisukulu made the third team after helping the Titans upset Hartford to win a district championship. Hartford sophomore forward Alan Gonzalez also made the third team, and the Indians had four players receive honorable mention – junior goalkeeper Kaden Johnson, sophomore midfielder Kevin Parra, junior defender Aaron Robles and freshman forward Caiden Smith.

Bangor senior defender Rolando Munoz also earned honorable mention.

BULLS

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go in August and struck it big in the search for his replacement when they hired Billy Donovan in September.

The 55-year-old Donovan led Oklahoma City to a 243-157 record and playoff appearances in each of his five seasons. But with an expiring contract, he and the Thunder split in what the team said was a mutual decision.

Donovan also won two NCAA championships in 19 season coaching at Florida.

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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING NOV. 19

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 "Wild World" (N) CC		Grey's Anatomy "My Happy Ending" (N)		:01 A Million Little Things "Hit & Run"	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	:31 B Positive	:01 Mom (N) CC	The Unicorn (N)	Star Trek: Discovery (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Superstore (N)	Superstore	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)		Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX 17 22 28 32	NFL Pregame	NFL Football Arizona Cardinals at Seattle Seahawks. (N) (L)					
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Frankie Drake Mysteries CC (DVS)		Father Brown Father Brown struggles.		Legends of Michiana: Joe Kernan	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Supernatural A series finale preview.		Supernatural "Carry On" CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "Mystery in Payson Canyon"		Dateline CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Supernatural A series finale preview.		Supernatural "Carry On" CC		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Darkness Before Dawn"		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Devil in Me & Trail of Blood"		The First 48 "Death in Desire" (N) CC		The First 48 Presents Critical	
AMC	Santa	📽 ★★★ The Polar Express ('04) Voices of Tom Hanks, Michael Jeter. CC				📽 ★★★ Scrooged ('88) CC	
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	6:00 📽 The Players Club			8:55 📽 ★★ The Five Heartbeats ('91)			
Big Ten	College Hockey	College Hockey Penn State at Minnesota. (N) CC					
Bravo	Southern Charm	Southern Charm (N) CC		Southern Charm (N) CC		Watch What	Real
Cartoon	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	The Others ('01)	📽 Bordertown ('07, Mystery) Jennifer Lopez, Antonio Banderas, Martin Sheen. CC				9:55 📽 ★★★ The Debt ('10) CC	
CMT	Last Man	📽 ★★ Con Air ('97, Action) Nicolas Cage. CC					Ind. Day
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Afraid	Naked and Afraid: Uncensored "Couches and Kill Zones" (N) CC					
Disney	Raven	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Alaska	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea	Restoring Galveston	
E!	Total	Total Bellas CC		Total Bellas (N)		Total Bellas CC	
ESPN	College Football Tulane at Tulsa. (N) (L) CC						SportCtr
ESPN2	SportCtr	Spikeball		UFC Unleashed		UFC Main Event	
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Beat Flay	Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie		Candy Land CC	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 College Hockey Michigan at Wisconsin.				Red Wings Classics		
Freefrm	6:30 📽 ★★★ Shrek ('01) CC		📽 ★★★ Zootopia ('16, Children's) Voices of Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Shakira. CC				
FX	:00 📽 ★★ The Equalizer 2 ('18, Action) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal. CC				📽 ★★ The Equalizer 2 ('18, Action) Denzel Washington. CC		
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf RSM Classic, First Round. CC					
Hallmark	A Cheerful Ch	📽 Christmas in Vienna ('20, Romance) Sarah Drew, Brennan Elliott. CC				📽 The Christmas Cottage ('17) CC	
HBO	:05 The Undoing	The Undoing "See No Evil" CC		📽 ★★ Little ('19, Comedy) Regina Hall, Issa Rae, Marsai Martin. CC			
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		When Skin Goes	
Lifetime	Twist Cmas	📽 A Christmas Wish ('19, Comedy) Hilarie Burton, Pam Grier. CC				:05 📽 The Magical Christmas Shoes	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Footvol	White Sox Rewind From Aug. 19, 2020. (N)					Short List
NFL	NFL Pregame		NFL Football Arizona Cardinals at Seattle Seahawks.				
Nick	To Be Announced		Substitute	📽 ★★★ Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa			
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Ice Road Rescue (N)		Ice Road Rescue (N)	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Buried in the Backyard (N) CC		Injustice With Nancy Grace (N) CC		Snapped "Diana Lovejoy" CC	
Parmt	6:30 📽 ★★★ The Help ('11) Viola Davis. CC					📽 The Help ('11)	
Showtime	Moonbase 8	Shameless "Civil Wrongs" CC		Shameless "Order Room Service"		Shameless "Survival of the Fittest" CC	
Starz	6:33 📽 ★★★ Black Hawk Down ('01) Josh Hartnett. CC			:01 📽 ★★★★ Titanic ('97) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. CC			
STZENC	:26 📽 ★★ Brightburn ('19, Horror) Elizabeth Banks. CC			📽 ★★ The Jackal ('97, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Richard Gere. CC			
SyFy	6:00 📽 ★★ Escape Plan ('13) CC		📽 ★★★ Skyfall ('12, Action) Daniel Craig. James Bond must track down and destroy a threat to MI6.				
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	The Sea Wolves	📽 ★★★ Lost Boundaries ('49, Drama) Beatrice Pearson, Mel Ferrer. CC				📽 ★★★ Home of the Brave ('49)	
TMC	6:25 📽 Saved!	📽 ★★ Morning Glory ('10) Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford, Diane Keaton. CC				📽 The Go-Go's ('20) CC	
TNT	Supernat.	📽 ★★ Solo: A Star Wars Story ('18) Alden Ehrenreich.					
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Holzer Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	:31 Miz & Mrs (N)
VH1	Martin	📽 ★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman ('05) CC					Browns
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Family ties break down after mom moves away

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Since I moved eight years ago, my son, "Jim," has visited me only once, and that's because I gave his son my car. I rarely hear from him, and when I have visited, we barely talk. We have totally different ideas on life, and it has caused a rift in our relationship.

When I have visited Jim and his wife, they just sit, watch movies and eat takeout food unless I take them out and pay for the meal. Over the years, I have given my son money and housed him when he went through a terrible divorce. His children are grown now, and I don't hear from them either.

He remarried a woman he met on the internet who has different ideas on things than my family and the way I was brought up. It hurts me very much. What's your opinion on what to do about this situation? I'm at a loss. – Let Down In Idaho

DEAR LET DOWN: It's sad, but the breakdown in your relationship with Jim started a long time ago. It should have been addressed then.

It's not uncommon for adults to have ideas that differ from their parents', but it shouldn't cause a rift. If your son and his wife are hiding behind their television set rather than conversing, the situation may be as uncomfortable for them as it is for you.

If the dynamics in your relationship are going to improve, you will have to convince them to discuss where things went off track, agree to disagree on certain topics and talk about other things when you see them. From what you have written, it appears you are doing all the work in the relationship, and that isn't fair to you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a gay male who has fallen in love with my best friend, who is straight. After months of feeling dishonest in our friendship, I told him how I felt. At first he seemed OK with it. He told me he couldn't reciprocate those feelings, but he still loved me as his friend and asked me not to make it "weird."

A month later, he said if I can't find a way to fall out of love with him, we could no longer be friends. I didn't change anything about my relationship with him. I maintained the status quo, and he seemed good with it. I don't know what to do.

I am extremely sad because I don't want to lose my best friend. We had a great relationship, which is why I thought he would appreciate my honesty and we could work through the issue. What's your advice? – Turned Down In Tennessee

DEAR TURNED DOWN: This person may be wonderful, but he could not handle the responsibility of a close personal relationship with someone who was in love with him if it wasn't reciprocal. My advice is to accept it and move on. You really have no alternative because the decision has already been made for you. You have my sympathy, but you WILL heal from this. I promise.

DEAR ABBY: All my boyfriend wants to do is clean the house and make love to me. He also cooks for me, massages me, worships my body, insists that I take naps and makes me laugh nonstop. What's wrong with him? – Pondering In The Sunshine State

DEAR PONDERING: What's wrong with YOU? This must be a new relationship. Give it time, and I am sure you will uncover something.

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Boyfriend's 10-year plan is about twice as long as hers

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My boyfriend of a year is 28 and just went back to grad school this year. He is spending a lot of time around classmates who are a few years younger, 22 to 24, and is living with two of them as roommates.

Though he is a very intelligent and independent person, I think they are rubbing off on him in certain ways. Namely, when we try to have discussions about the future – we have talked a lot about getting married and having children together – he borrows the phrase "10-year plan," which one of his roommates uses a lot.

He's suggesting that he sees us getting married and having a child within about 10 years, after he has interned and traveled and blah blah blah.

I am 31 – yes, robbing the cradle – and I would say marriage and children for me are more of a three- to five-year plan. As in, my understanding is that we should get moving on these things within five years, as 10 is probably too late.

How do I talk to my boyfriend about this when the people he's closest to right now, aside from me, are so far behind us in chronological life? – Getting Real

DEAR GETTING REAL: You just say it. If he doesn't get it, then you question his math ability.

This isn't to say he owes you anything beyond taking your concerns seriously. He doesn't. He just needs to recognize that "have babies at 41" is not a high-percentage life plan for women.

Having done that, he's still free to have and live by his 10-year plan. It just means you'll have to factor that into *your* plans and then decide if this is the guy you want to be making plans with, someone who is in no hurry to commit to a life with you.

REGARDING GETTING REAL: I know this is not the point of the original question, and was likely at least somewhat tongue-in-cheek, but can we just address the fact that a 31-year-old woman dating a 28-year-old man is not "robbing the cradle"?

No one would even blink at that age difference if the genders were reversed. I'm a woman married to a man who is less than two years younger than I am, and I've been told on multiple occasions that I'm robbing the cradle. Can we just not, please? – Not

DEAR NOT: Fair enough. I took it as tongue-in-cheek – but even then, it could be taken as a defensive, preemptive joke arising from all the times she's had to hear about it, since she's no doubt heard about it, given the double standard. Thanks.

REGARDING GETTING REAL: You may have it backward. It may not be that your boyfriend has been influenced by younger friends, but that he sought out a younger crowd because that *is* where he is right now.

He doesn't sound ready to settle down soon, and if you are, then you may need to look elsewhere. – Anon 1

DEAR ANON 1: Yes. Insightful. Thank you.

REGARDING GETTING REAL: She is sneering at her boyfriend's life plans while wanting him to show more respect for hers (seriously? "blah blah blah"?).

He is far from the only 28-year-old who wants to do these things. – Anon 2

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51 Hwys.
53 Mutt
55 Prefix for pod
56 Baseball great Mel
57 Funny Charlotte —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

	J	O	K	E	R			S	T	R	U	M
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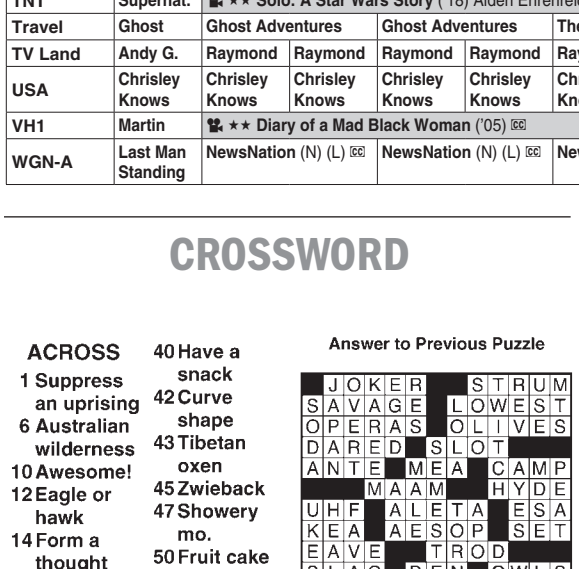

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RAYWE

RFDAT

MPAISH

LYOGMO

Today's Guest JUMBLER is
JAN ELLIOT
Creator of STONE SOUP
SEE YA LATER, VALERIE.
11-19
VAL WAS SILENT WHEN HOLLY CALLED HER BY HER FIRST NAME, EVEN THOUGH—

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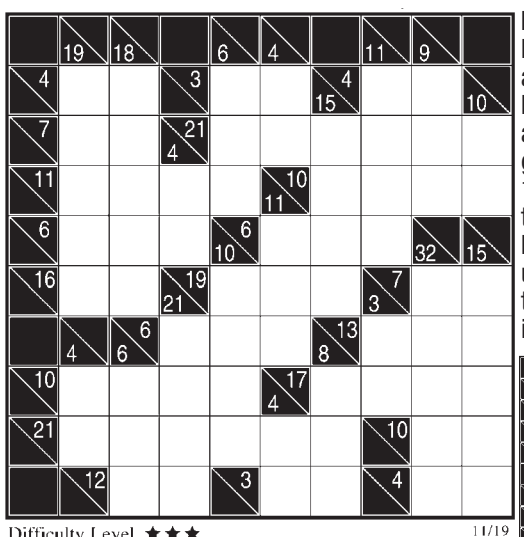
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____'_____" _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

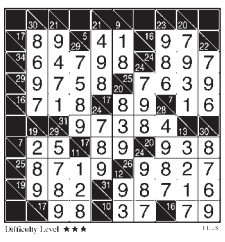
Yesterday's Jumbles: AWOKE ORBIT CHOSEN OUTING
Answer: He could never beat the gingerbread man at chess because it was — ONE TOUGH COOKIE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/19

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

A.N. Onymous said, "Never let success get to your head; never let failure get to your heart." At the bridge table, if you have a bad result, concentrate on the next deal; do not worry about what has already happened – it cannot be changed.

Today's deal occurred during a duplicate. What do you think about the auction? West's two-no-trump advance showed four or more spades and at least game-invitational values. What happened in five diamonds doubled? What would have transpired in four spades doubled?

South's hand was a tad thin for his two-diamond response, but he liked his seventh card in the suit. East tried to silence the opponents by jumping to four spades. Good, South passed. All right, so North has doubled – no problem. Ugh, South has run to five diamonds – curses! Eventually, East decided that if this contract was making, it was going to be a near-zero; so he doubled, hoping for plus 200.

Five diamonds was unbeatable. Even after a trump lead, South could have either established hearts or led his club jack to ensure two club ruffs on the board. Minus 750 was a zero to East-West, but minus 600 would have been no better.

At the 12 tables in play, there were 10 different results. Most Easts played in spades, winning 10 tricks unless North obtained a club ruff after an unlikely rounded-suit lead.

East-West shrugged off this result and got a top on the next board by winning one more trick than the field.

North 11-19-20
♠ A 9 3
♥ A J 8 6 5 3
♦ Q 6 4
♣ 4

West
♠ K Q J 8
♥ K 10
♦ J 2
♣ 10 8 7 3 2

East
♠ 10 7 6 4 2
♥ Q 9 7
♦ 10
♣ A K Q 9

South
♠ 5
♥ 4 2
♦ A K 9 8 7 5 3
♣ J 6 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1♥	1♠
2♦	2NT	3♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

4			6	1		9	5	
	5			9	3			
3					4			
	9	4		2				1
	1			4			6	
5				6		8	4	
			4					2
			1	5			3	
	8	5		3	9			4

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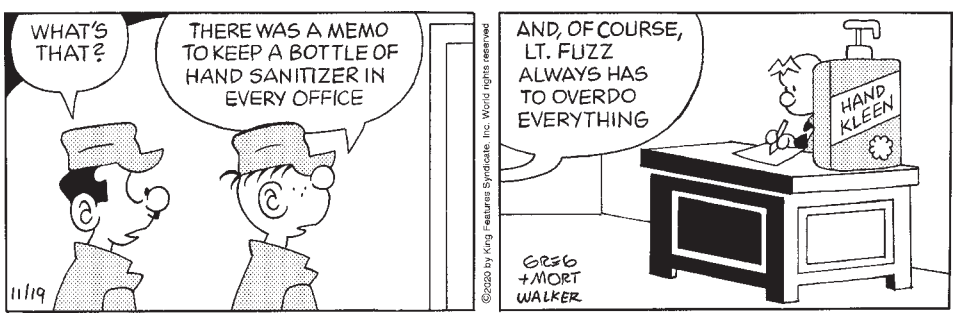
How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	6	8	2	1	9	4	5	7
1	2	4	5	6	7	3	8	9
7	5	9	3	4	8	6	2	1
4	1	3	9	5	6	8	7	2
9	8	6	1	7	2	5	3	4
5	7	2	8	3	4	9	1	6
2	4	5	6	8	1	7	9	3
8	9	7	4	2	3	1	6	5
6	3	1	7	9	5	2	4	8

BEETLE BAILEY


WHAT'S THAT?
THERE WAS A MEMO TO KEEP A BOTTLE OF HAND SANITIZER IN EVERY OFFICE
AND, OF COURSE, LT. FUZZ ALWAYS HAS TO OVERDO EVERYTHING
HAND KLEEN
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GREG + MORT WALKER
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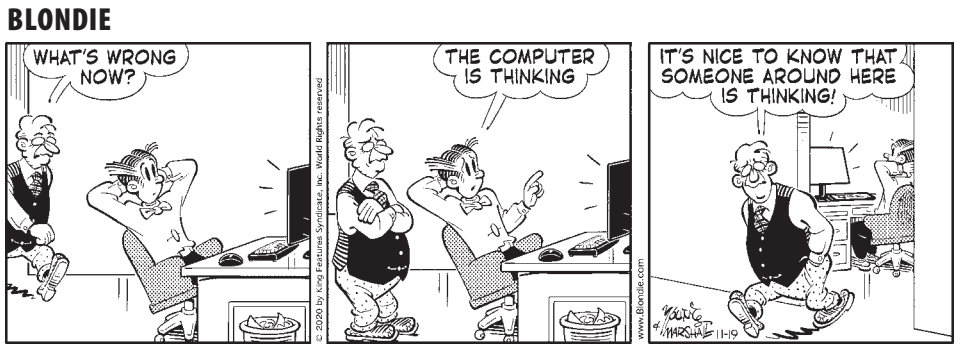
BLONDIE


WHAT'S WRONG NOW?
THE COMPUTER IS THINKING
IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT SOMEONE AROUND HERE IS THINKING!
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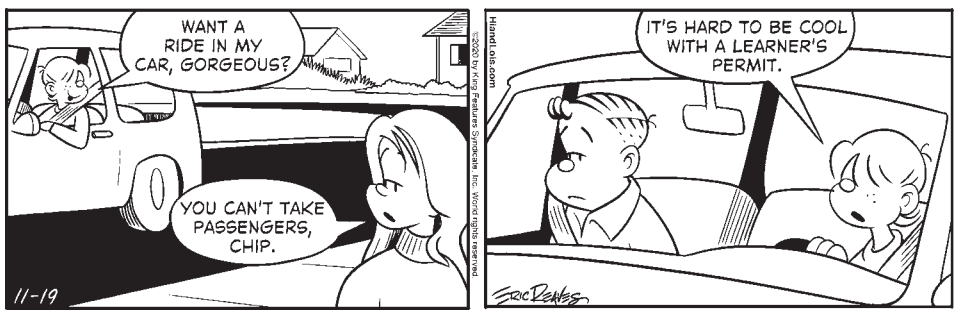
HI & LOIS


WANT A RIDE IN MY CAR, GORGEOUS?
YOU CAN'T TAKE PASSENGERS, CHIP.
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IT'S HARD TO BE COOL WITH A LEARNER'S PERMIT.
ERIC REASES
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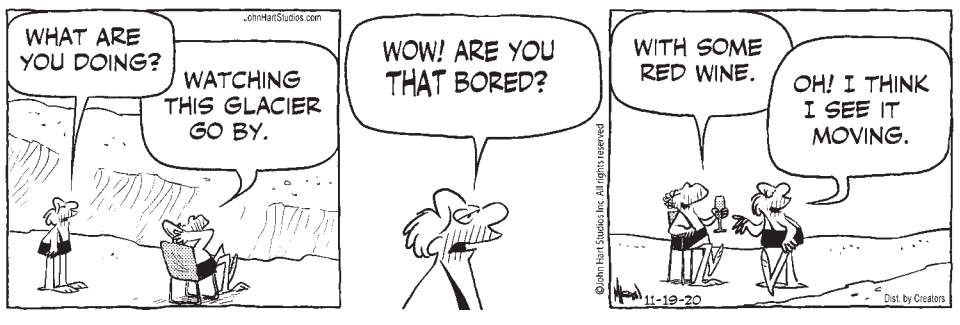
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WATCHING THIS GLACIER GO BY.
WOW! ARE YOU THAT BORED?
WITH SOME RED WINE.
OH! I THINK I SEE IT MOVING.
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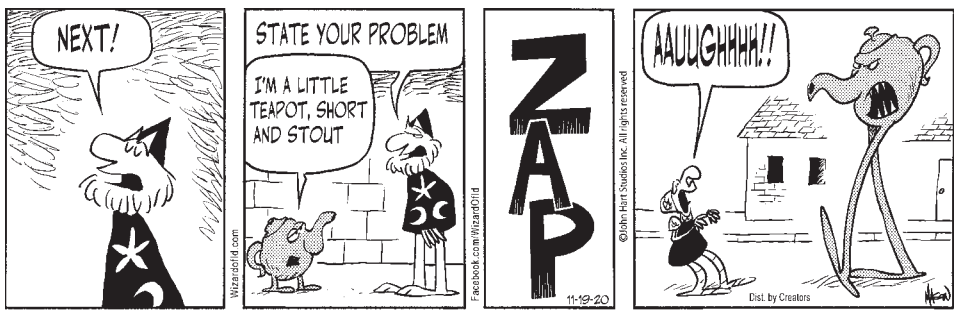
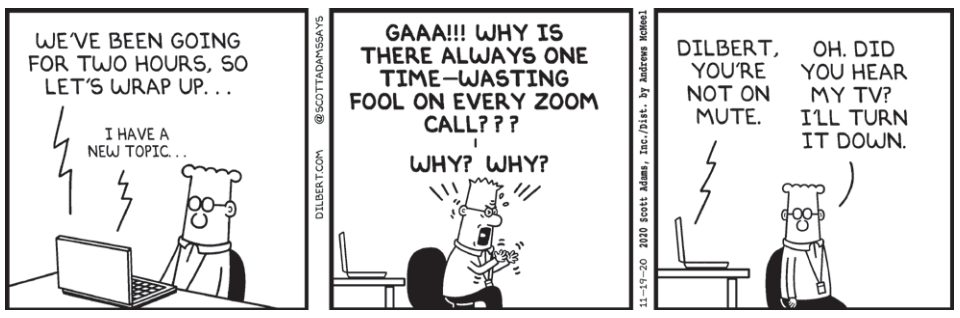


DILBERT


WE'VE BEEN GOING FOR TWO HOURS, SO LET'S WRAP UP...
I HAVE A NEW TOPIC...
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
GAAA!!! WHY IS THERE ALWAYS ONE TIME-WASTING FOOL ON EVERY ZOOM CALL???
WHY? WHY?
DILBERT, YOU'RE NOT ON MUTE.
OH. DID YOU HEAR MY TV? I'LL TURN IT DOWN.
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GARFIELD

DINNERTIME! THIS IS MY "PIZZA DANCE"!
WE'RE HAVING TOFU PATTIES
THIS IS MY "TOFU PATTY DANCE"
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JIM DAVIS 11-19

FORT KNOX

I NEED TO BORROW YOUR INVISIBILITY CLOAK, NORMAN!
SORRY, BUT MY DAD'S USING IT AT HIS WORK.
NOW
WELL, I NEED TO HIDE... PRONTO!
I CAN MAKE YOU MICROSCOPIC.
YOU
IS IT SAFE??
TOTALLY!
SEE
AS LONG AS I DON'T STEP ON YOU.
ME
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PICKLES

I WISH I HAD A FUN, RELAXING HOBBY LIKE YOU.
FUN HOBBY? WHAT FUN, RELAXING HOBBY?
YOU KNOW, YOUR COOKING AND CLEANING.
YOU THINK COOKING AND CLEANING IS MY "FUN, RELAXING HOBBY"?!
WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?!
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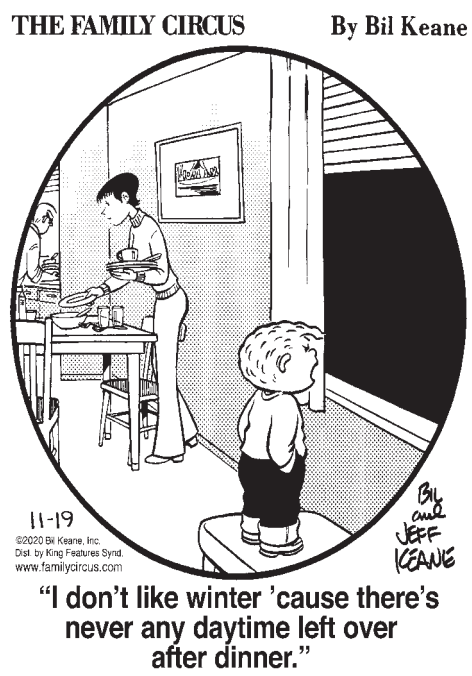
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
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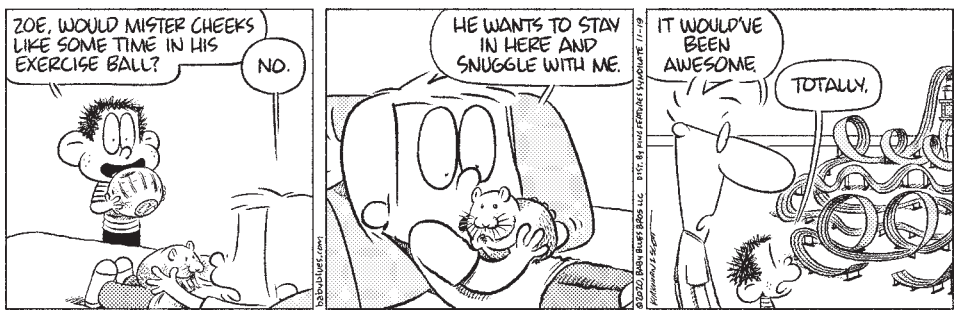
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"I don't like winter 'cause there's never any daytime left over after dinner."

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES


ZOE, WOULD MISTER CHEEKS LIKE SOME TIME IN HIS EXERCISE BALL?
NO.
HE WANTS TO STAY IN HERE AND SNUGGLE WITH ME.
IT WOULD'VE BEEN AWESOME.
TOTALLY.
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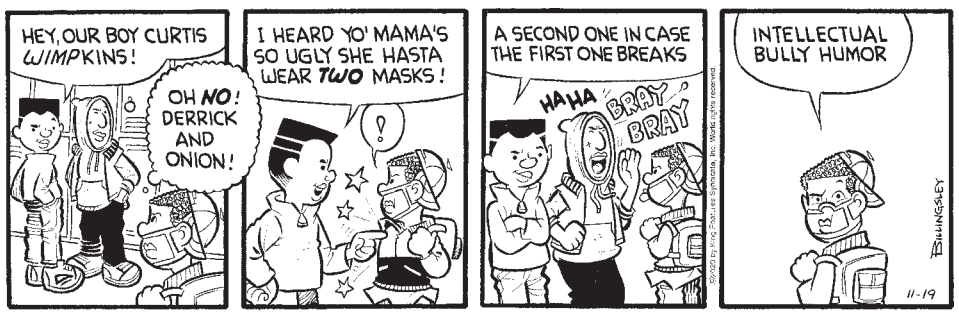
CURTIS


HEY, OUR BOY CURTIS WIMPKINS!
OH NO! DERRICK AND ONION!
I HEARD YO' MAMA'S SO UGLY SHE HASTA WEAR TWO MASKS!
A SECOND ONE IN CASE THE FIRST ONE BREAKS
HAHA
BRAY BRAY
INTELLECTUAL BULLY HUMOR
BWINGSLEY
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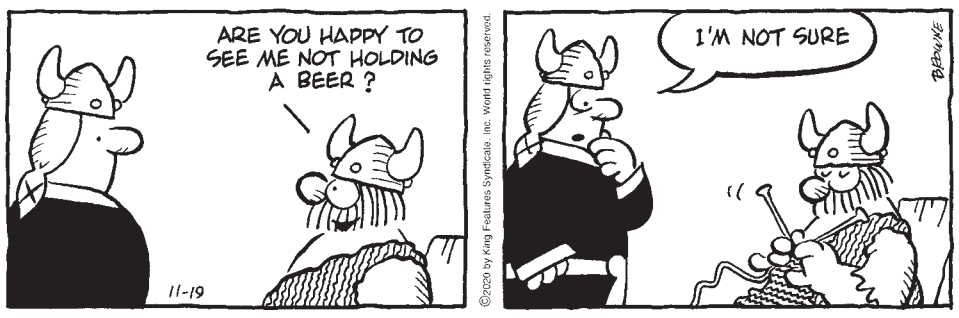
ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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WHEEZE, WHEEZE ...WORST EXERCISE PROGRAM I'VE EVER SIGNED UP FOR...
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MUTTS

SALLY FORTH

WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE GARAGE IS LOOKING TOO SPARSE FOR A THANKSGIVING DINNER...
KEEFE
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SO I THOUGHT I'D DECK IT OUT FOR THE HOLIDAY, JUST LIKE YOU DID THE HOUSE FOR HALLOWEEN.
THOUGH THANKSGIVING DOESN'T EXACTLY LEND ITSELF TO THE SAME LEVEL OF DECORATIVE FLAIR.
HENCE THE BROWN PAPIER-MÂCHÉ STREAMER, BROWN FABRIC FALL LEAVES AND THIS TURKEY CENTERPIECE WITH THE DISTURBINGLY INTENSE GAZE THAT ALWAYS MAKES US EAT IN A DIFFERENT ROOM.
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The Herald-Palladium

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Parade
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Cranberry-Orange Pie, p. 4
MICHAEL J. FOX
on Parkinson's, life beyond Back to the Future and finding humor in everything
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To Benton Charter Township Residents & Customers
November 18, 2020

Now that the November 3rd Election is over and with the recent rise in COVID cases in Berrien County effective 11/18/2020 until further notice all Township buildings are again closed to the public to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Township offices will operate with limited staff to remain available to answer calls for service. The safety of our community and well-being of staff are top priorities, the following steps will resume:

Township Hall and Facilities: will be closed for walk-in customers. If you wish to make a payment for sewer/trash/water bills we want to remind you that the following payment options are available: by mail, on-line or drop in the lockbox outside the front doors.

Police Department: lobby will be closed for walk-in customers. The dispatch button located outside the lobby entrance door will be functioning and services can be requested by using this option.

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Assessor's Office: will be closed for walk-in customers.

Building Department: The building department will be doing building inspections as needed. Please continue to call Chris (208-7779) and Andy (252-3729) for building inspections. If you call, we can arrange issuing permits for you so as to not slow down your Construction. Rental Inspections for exterior only will continue as scheduled, entry into private homes by the Rental Inspector / Mechanical Inspector will commence when Township offices reopen. Call us with any questions. Please keep up with your Electrical and Plumbing Inspections as usual to stay current with how we can best serve you.

Staff will be available by calling (269) 925-0616 for new trash/water/sewer customers.

Please help us in limiting the spread of COVID-19. Together we can work to protect the health of all of those around us. Our hearts are with those currently affected by the virus and those that are in vulnerable areas.

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By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Share your knowledge, and be resourceful when you have doubts. Ask and you shall receive what you need to reach your goals. Embrace change, but don't take risks with your health. Abide by the rules, and take care of unfinished business. The best way to make progress is to approach life with an open mind and a positive attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Live and learn. Sometimes a little force is necessary to get what you want. Sharing your experience with another will change the way you move forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Someone from your past will disrupt your life if you are too revealing. Pay more attention to home and family, and nurture a meaningful relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep up the momentum. Positive change is heading your way. Don't let personal uncertainty stand in your way; focus on what's doable. Personal growth is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't rely on others to do things for you. Stick to the rules and follow through with your plans. If you hang around waiting for someone else, you'll miss out on a chance to show your stuff.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be effective. More significant resources will give you the freedom to expand your interests, skills and potential. Helping others will lead to opportunity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Go about your business. Don't make promises or let someone rope you into something you don't want to do. Pace yourself, take care of your responsibilities and spend time with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you don't like something, make a change. Take control instead of being controlled. An adjustment you make will give you the freedom to do something that brings you joy.

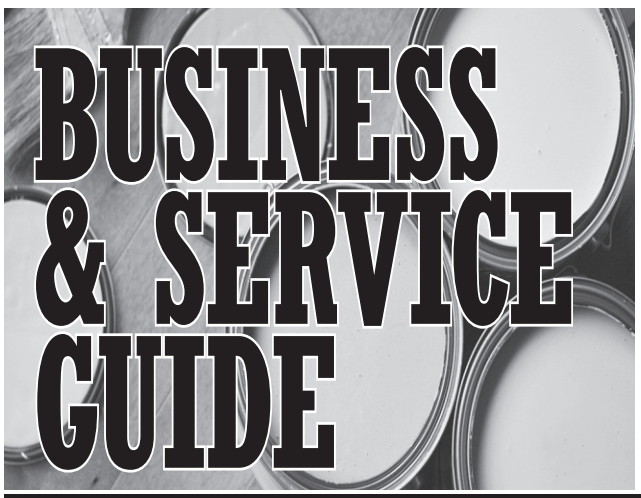
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Consider what is possible and set attainable goals. Don't let someone lead you astray. Stick to what you know and do best. Romance and personal growth are favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A change someone makes will end up benefiting you. Look over contracts or documents that are about to expire. A unique idea that someone presents will lead to a monetary gain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An adventure will entice you. Be careful not to overstep your limits or put yourself in harm's way. Planning and preparation will be vital if you want to avoid a mishap.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your enthusiasm and desire to learn will encourage others to join in and support your efforts. A last-minute change will benefit you. Proceed with passion and gusto.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Mull over the past, and come to terms with anything that is holding you back. Personal growth, physical improvements and lifestyle changes are favored. Don't give in to demanding people.



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Have news for 'Our Town'?

Do you have some news about your hometown that you would like to see in the paper? Send it to "Our Town" in care of Features Editor Andy Steinke at The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; drop it off at 3450 Hollywood Road; or email it to focus@TheHP.com. Timely news about upcoming events should be received two weeks prior to the events.

LaSata announces 'MI COVID-19 Hero' essay contest winners

LANSING — State Sen. Kim LaSata has announced the winners of her "MI COVID-19 Hero" essay contest.

"I appreciate all the essays submitted by our talented students from Southwest Michigan who took the time to share the stories of the heroes in their lives who are making a difference in the battle against COVID-19," LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township, said in a news release. "It was great to read about all of the people from our communities who have stepped up to answer the call to service.

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While there were many excellent essays entered, two stood above the rest. Congratulations to Lacy Mandarino from Watervliet and Adrianna Broussard from Cassopolis for their essays celebrating the heroes in their lives."

Mandarino, a fifth grader, wrote her essay about front-line workers, including hospital employees, police and firefighters.

"Front-line workers are putting their lives on the line every day for us," Mandarino wrote in part. "The next time you see a front-line worker, tell them thank you for assisting in helping against the pandemic."

Broussard, an eighth grader, wrote about her mother, who is a certified nursing assistant.

"My mom is a hero because, even when a whole hall was full of elders who tested positive for COVID-19, she stuck through it," Broussard wrote in her essay. "Not only is my mom a CNA, but she is also a single mother of five, so going to work every morning, taking care of elders and driving, then coming home every evening to take care of us must be exhausting. My mom is one of the many heroes that we have during this pandemic, and I am so grateful."

The contest was open to all schoolchildren in the 21st Senate District to honor the sacrifices and heroism of Southwest Michigan's health care and service workers during the battle against the coronavirus.

Photos provided

Benjamin Loenser performs during Concerto Night on Nov. 7 at Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center.

Andrews Academy students perform at Concerto Night

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Four Andrews Academy students were featured Nov. 7 during the academy's Concerto Night at the Howard Performing Arts Center.

"Concertos often happen at the college level, featuring various music majors," Steven Atkins, an instructor at Andrews Academy, wrote in an email. "It is rather rare to have a concerto night at the high school level."

Featured soloists Nathaniel Miller, Benjamin Loenser, Peter Tumangday and Jion Kim were accompanied at the piano by Marcelo Martins.

From left, Nathaniel Miller, Jion Kim and Peter Tumangday perform during this year's Concerto Night.

The audience, both present in the hall and listening through a livestream, heard works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Edvard Grieg, Camille Saint-Saëns and Dmitry Kabalevsky.

A concerto is a composition for a solo instrument, or a group of solo instruments, accompanied by an orchestra. The concerto has two parts – the soloist and the orchestra – alternate episodes of opposition, cooperation and independence.

Concerto Night began in 2010, to provide some of the academy's most advanced musical students the opportunity to perform publicly while accompanied by an orchestra, and to bring quality music to the student body and community.

To date, Andrews Academy has featured 59 student soloists.

This year, due to the challenges and uncertainties presented by COVID-19, a piano orchestral reduction took the place of the orchestra.

To watch a recording of this year's performance, visit bit.ly/3nAIH82.

4-H hands out senior awards

BENTON HARBOR — Earlier this month, 4-H Senior Plaque Awards were presented to 14 members who are graduating from the Berrien County 4-H Youth Program.

Seniors have been nominated by their club coordinator each fall since 1965, to recognize their devotion and loyalty as members to the 4-H program. Senior awards are given based on criteria that includes being active for at least 5 years and remaining active through high school graduation.

This year's 4-H Senior Plaque Award recipients were:

- Olivia Borst – Al-Bar 4-H Club
- Jazmin Finch – Backyard Renegades 4-H Club
- Evie Clare – Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club
- Lilly Siewert – Double Bridle 4-H Club
- Elijah Darda – Great Expectations 4-H Club
- Katelyn Glendening – High Spirits 4-H Club
- Alexandria Smith – High Spirits 4-H Club
- Ben McKee – Redbud Country Goat 4-H Club
- Parker Lyden – Redbud Country Goat 4-H Club
- Sarah Jannings – River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club
- Zachary Smith – Straight Shooters 4-H Club
- Jae Walker – Tryon 4-H Saddle Club
- Madeleine Stockman – Tryon 4-H Saddle Club
- Melody Hackett – We Can Ride 4-H Club

Each recipient will be presented with 4-H senior cords to honor their achievements.

Berrien County 4-H Senior Plaque Awards are sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council and the Berrien County 4-H Foundation.

For more information, or to join 4-H, contact Berrien County Michigan State University Extension 4-H Program Coordinator Kelly Stelter at grandtke@msu.edu or 927-5674, ext. 4015.

County 4-H celebrates leaders and members

BENTON HARBOR — Earlier this month, the Berrien County 4-H Youth Program presented its annual Berrien County 4-H Member & Leader Recognition banquet virtually.

4-H Clover Awards were presented to 4-H leaders for achieving milestone years of service. This year's recipients were:

- 5 years: Karen Metz, Countrysiders 4-H Club; Connie Peterson, Best Friends 4-H Club; Janet Scott, Countrysiders 4-H Club
- 10 years: Kaitlynn Miller, River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club
- 15 years: Debbie Schmaltz, Boots N Saddles 4-H Club
- 20 years: Pam LaPorte, Tumbleweeds 4-H Club
- 25 years: Rob Lausch, Stewart 4-H Club; Linda Shannon-Challiet, Best Friends 4-H Club; Brian Troxell, Tractor Operator Program
- 30 years: Eve Quint, Galien Chanters 4-H Club
- 35 years: Sue Glossinger, Rainbow Tracks 4-H Club
- 50 years: Suzette Hendershott, On the Rail 4-H Club

4-H county project medals were presented to members with three years of accomplishment in a project area. Youth are only able to receive one project medal in a project area in their 4-H career. Recipients were:

- Beef Project: Lillian Moore and Matthew Moore, both of River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club
- Companion Animal Science Project: Alyssa Garrison, Town and Country Paws & Pals 4-H Club
- Llama & Alpaca Project: Kyle Smith, Fuzzy Friends 4-H Club

Additional recognition was given to numerous members for Citizenship, 1st Year Membership and Cloverbud Completion Certificates.

The program and awards were sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association and the Berrien County 4-H Foundation.

For more info about 4-H, call 927-5674, ext. 4015.

Museum announces winners of 2020 pumpkin carving contest

COLOMA — The North Berrien Historical Museum has picked the winners for its North Berrien Pumpkin Carving Contest.

The contest encouraged carvers to buy their gourds from one of three local businesses – Jollay Orchards, Watervliet Fruit Exchange or Silverstone Gardens – which sourced their pumpkins from local farmers.

Sixteen participants sent images of their carved creations to the museum, which in turn created a Facebook photo album. The museum requested participation by voting virtually from Oct. 28 to Nov. 4.

After more than 500 votes in the two divisions, the winners were:

- Student division: Jasmine Maruk, 1st Place for her entry "Facetime"; Lyla, 2nd Place for "Toothy"; and Megan Scaccia, 3rd Place for "Shrek."
- Adult Division: Shelby Stroder, 1st Place for "Haunted House"; Carole Kiernan, 2nd Place for "Urggh Tasty"; and Ellen VanderMyde, 3rd place for "Owl Be Back."

To see all of this year's entries, visit the museum's Facebook page.

Prizes for this event were donated by the three participating businesses.

ABOVE: Jasmine Maruk won the student division with her pumpkin, "Facetime."

AT LEFT: Shelby Stroder's "Haunted House" won the adult division.

Photos provided

Library to dedicate new learning center

HARTFORD — Hartford Public Library, 12 Church St., will dedicate The Pokagon Children's Learning Center at 3 p.m. Friday.

The Pokagon Fund sponsored the creation of the new children's center at the Arthur & Bonna Vanderlyn Community Center / Hartford Public Library through a $40,000 donation.

The learning center will offer two literacy computers and a literacy touch play table, which can be used by four to six children, giant Legos, and an extensive library of children's books.

Marcus Winchester, director of language and culture for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and Dan Petersen, executive director of The Pokagon Fund, will unveil the dedication sign.

The public is welcome to attend the dedication.

For more information, call 621-3408 or visit www.hartfordpl.michlibrary.org.